

Local News

Mrs. Vera Clark is improving.

County Attorney Jesse Gettys of Gainesville, was here last week.

Rev. Marvin Carpenter was in Burk Burnett last week.

Mrs. W. E. Terrell was a Fort Worth visitor last week.

Miss Josephine Walcott visited in Mineral Wells last week.

Mrs. Granger Blewett was an Alford visitor the first of the week.

Bonnie P. Williams was here this week from Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Spaulding were here last week from Hillsboro.

Jim Brown and J. C. Barnhill of Chico, were here last Wednesday.

Henry Mason and wife are visiting relatives in McKinney.

Have you tried Buttrill Brothers for groceries?

Mrs. H. H. Fields has returned after a visit to Jacksboro.

S. B. Pearson of Paradise was in the city Monday.

E. P. Gibson and children visited relatives in Bowie.

Bud Gardner of Chico was in the city Wednesday on business.

Lady Bess Prunty spent last week with relatives in Springtown.

Mark Marshall was here yesterday from Chico.

W. I. Ghormley was here yesterday from Arlington.

A. M. Meeks is here this week from Fort Worth.

Pure corn chops for \$2.25 per hundred at Lillard Mill.

J. L. Norris was here last week from Fort Worth.

Miss Alma Dallas of Dallas visited her mother here last week.

Lawrence St. Clair was here this week from Denton.

James St. Clair and family of Denton were visiting here.

W. F. B. Guinn was here Monday from Crafton.

Dennis Ratliff spent several days in Bonarton on legal business.

Rev. E. H. Owens and family spent last week in Archer county.

The grandjury reconvened Tuesday morning.

Mrs. J. J. Terrell of Austin has been visiting relatives here.

Try a sack of American Beauty flour. It's good. Buttrill Brothers.

Mrs. Bob Carswell of Dallas was a visitor here during the holidays.

Miss Wynelle Henderson returned Wednesday to S. M. U., Dallas.

Prof. Plato Gettys of Cooke county, was here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Slay were here from Frost during the holidays.

Dr. W. Ted Payne and family of Bridgeport, spent several days here.

W. F. Stiles of Teague, has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. C. Coconougher.

Rev. and Mrs. Will Boyd of McKinney, spent several days here last week.

Cherry Roach of Olney, is here on a visit to the family of his brother, Brock.

Arthur Splawn and wife of Greenville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Splawn.

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Mrs. S. A. Lillard, Jr., is in Fort Worth at the bedside of her father, who has been ill for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Cress Stewart of Fort Worth, have been visiting Mrs. D. E. Walcott.

Miss Dianna Summers of Altus, Okla., is here visiting her sister Mrs. C. C. Henderson.

Mrs. Sam Longley of Archer City, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. McDaniel.

Prof. Claude Dillehay, superintendent of the Olney schools, spent the holidays with homefolks here.

Mrs. W. E. Gibbon is again at home in Decatur after a stay with relatives in Fort Worth.

Attorney and Mrs. Dana Benson of Bowie, were Decatur visitors last week.

Mill-run bran for \$2.15 per hundred at Lillard Milling Company. Phone your order to mill.

Joe Hunter of Little Rock, Arkansas, has been visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Timberlake of Wichita Falls, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Rush.

Marvin Badger and family of Vernon, visited homefolks here last week.

C. D. Elliott of Dallas, is now a book-keeper for the Decatur Motor Company.

Miss Lucy Holder of Fort Worth, was here Tuesday visiting Mrs. R. A. Mobley, who is quite ill.

Wool overshirts worth up to \$7.00 at \$2.00 at Mack Mask's store—Hugh Greer old stand.

Misses Jennie and Ruth Splawn of the Wichita Falls public schools spent last week with homefolks in the city.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Andrews near Archer City was destroyed by fire one night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Mann of Dallas, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carlton of Deep Creek.

Ask your grocer for Pride of Texas flour. \$3.05 for 48-pound sack.

Kelly Roach was here this week from Wichita Falls. Kelley is employed with the Shaw-Chambers drug store of that city.

Mark Smith and Ed. Johnson have purchased and re-opened the Gilliland blacksmith shop on West Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Loveless of Godley, and Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Thomas of Ennis, were guests of Mrs. W. W. Williams last week.

A subscription was passed this week and a goodly amount secured for the purpose of helping to repair the Decatur-Bridgeport road.

M. L. Bullard is very low at the home of his daughter, Mrs. P. L. Jones, and is not expected to recover.

Representative Roy C. Coffee of Paradise, was a Decatur visitor this week before leaving for Austin to represent Wise county in the legislature.

A new vacuum cleaner for rent at 75c per day. Decatur Light & Water Company.

Blankets worth up to \$25.00 are now selling at from \$2.50 to \$7.50 at Mack Mask's store—Hugh Greer old stand.

Squire Taylor, the new justice of the peace, announces that he is ready to lend assistance in putting a stop to the reckless driving of automobiles in this precinct.

Mr. Eli Pyatt, one of the old and highly respected citizens of the city, continues seriously ill at his home on East Walnut street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lide of Camden, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Cobb of Brownwood, and Miss Elizabeth Cobb of Dallas, were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Collins.

There were 4,522 bales of cotton counting round as half bales, ginned in Wise county from the crop of 1920 prior to December 13, as compared with 13,479 bales ginned to December 13, 1919.

Have you tried Buttrill Brothers for groceries?

A. P. Buttrill and family of Krum, have arrived in Decatur to make their home. Mr. Buttrill is a member of the firm of Buttrill Brothers, successors to Fred Freeman in the grocery business.

Aubrey Holliday and family of Fort Fort, visited Mrs. E. B. Melton during Christmas. Aubrey reports his father, T. R. Holliday, as slowly improving from a recent injury received when he was run down by a car.

Mrs. J. W. Carlton was called to the bed side of her father, Mr. C. W. Bates at Wichita Falls. His nine children were present, the first the family had all been together in twenty years. He was seventy-one years of age when he died on December 23. He was carried to Goree, Texas, for burial.

Elmer, the ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crabtree, was seriously injured just before Christmas at the family home east of Decatur. The boy was run down by a horse and suffered a fractured skull, and one eye was badly injured. Physicians state the boy will probably lose the injured eye.

If you have any Liberty or Victory bonds and desire to sell, see me. J. A. Simpson, Masonic Building.

Prof. Hershell Hunt of Heavener, Okla., was here the past week. Mr. Hunt is superintendent of the high schools at that place, and is making a good record.

If you want beautiful, white flour, ask your grocer for Pride of Texas. \$3.05 for 48-pound sack.

Senator Guinn Williams is in Austin, having been called there before the meeting of the legislature for a conference with a number of the law makers. Mrs. Williams will join the senator Monday.

George Miller, justice of the peace at Boonsville, was in the city on business Monday. Squire Miller carries his honors, recently acquired, splendidly. George will make a good justice.

Mrs. M. T. Oats of Rhome, died at her home in that town on December 27th. This good woman has long resided in the Rhome country, and was a noble, christian character. She was the sister of Rev. J. L. and Henry Ward of Decatur.

Ask your grocer for Pride of Texas flour. \$3.05 for 48-pound sack.

Rev. A. A. Kidd announced at prayer-meeting Wednesday night that he would fill the pulpit at the Methodist church next Sunday. As yet the arrangement for supplying a pastor to take Rev. Kidd's place has not been passed upon by the bishop, but the presiding elders have recommended Rev. Hicks of Nocona for this place.

You never heard of such prices—come and be convinced. at Hugh Greer old stand.

The regular meeting of the society will be held day afternoon at the L. Thompson at the members are urged meeting is an imp

Happy New Year To Our Customers and Friends

A LITTLE NEW FURNITURE MAKES HOME COZY

—No home is so completely furnished but what it can do with a little more. There are but few homes that do not actually need more.

—We take justifiable pride in the line of furniture we are selling this season. It is so modern, so neat, so tasty, is just simply takes the eye the moment you see it. It took a lot of careful investigating to get this splendid stock together, for it represents many of the master-pieces of the furniture maker's age.

—Come in when you are ready for that new piece. Or better still—come on anyway, any day.

Man @ Christian

Masonic Building

—FURNITURE—

Decatur, Tex

In the district court on December 24, Bob McClure was convicted of incest and given five years in the penitentiary by the jury. The case has been appealed and McClure is out on bond.

While in Fort Worth last week Sheriff Malone arrested Harry Beville, who has been wanted here for some months on charge of affray. Beville was brought back to Decatur by the sheriff and paid off the fines assessed him.

White shorts \$2.90 per hundred at Lillard Milling Company. Telephone your order to the mill.

The splendid weather of the past two weeks has been of great benefit to the farmers of this section, who are busy preparing to make another crop. There is a fine season in the ground, and all conditions are favorable for a good crop year.

While driving to a fire last week, Hiram Monroe Helm was painfully but not seriously injured when two cars collided. Mr. Helm was in the motion of leaving his car when the crash came and he was thrown clear of the car for several feet. The other occupants of the two cars were not injured.

The Decatur band is in financial straits, and if help is not given right away by the citizenship of Decatur, this splendid organization cannot long survive. A committee has been appointed to solicit funds to keep the band going. When they call, dig up and help keep the band going. It is important to the interests of this city.

Extraordinary prices on dry goods, sweaters, blankets, shoes, etc. at Mack's store—Hugh Greer old stand.

Mr. Carl Harder and Miss Effie Gage, popular young people living north of Decatur, were married on Thursday, December 30, Rev. Patton officiating. Mr. Harder is an industrious young farmer, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harder, while the bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gage. Messenger extends congratulations.

T. L. Taylor has been appointed justice of the peace precinct No. 3, to fill the unexpired term of M. B. Johnston, who resigned on account of failing health. Squire Taylor has had much valuable experience as a justice of the peace, and he will fill the office with credit and honor. He has moved his office to the south room in the district clerk's office.

One day last week Joe Boydston left his disabled car on the Meridian road below Decatur. The following night the car was stripped of casings and parts. The following day U. O. Shaw and Pete McCarty were arrested in Fort Worth on charge of theft in connection with the case. The men are alleged to have had in their possession the tires and parts missing from the Boydston car. The men were brought to Decatur. Shaw gave bond in the sum of \$750, while McCarty is still in jail.

Miss Ila Mae Lambert of this city and Mr. Ellis Lackey of Corsicana, were married at the home of the bride in this city Sunday, December 26. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lambert, a young lady of many charms and popular among many friends. Mr. Lackey is a splendid young man, and an employee of the Western Union Telegraph Co. Mr. and Mrs. Lackey have gone to their new home in Corsicana. Messenger joins their numerous friends in hearty congratulations.

County Attorney Patterson is making preparations to move his offices into the quarters recently vacated by Esquire Taylor, on the north side of the court house second floor. A door is being cut into the room that has been used by County Agent Kemp and this room will also be used by the county attorney's department. Larger office room has long been needed by the county attorney's force. Mr. Kemp will occupy the room vacated by Mr. Patterson. Squire Taylor has moved his office into the south room of the district clerk's quarters.

Nov. Henthington and Carl Christian went to Fort Worth Friday evening where they took the Shrine degree. They were accompanied by P. R. Baits, J. H. Cates, W. O. Bailey and Howard Man.

"The Vice of Fools!"

The Jonestown school, under the able management of Professor John Fullingim, after a week's vacation, "took up" Monday morning. This is one of the most progressive schools in the county, and the splendid efforts of Prof. Fullingim are appreciated by the pupils and patrons in the Jonestown community.

Mack Mask, one of the leading merchants of Bridgeport, has leased the building recently vacated by Mr. Hugh Greer, and is putting in a complete stock of dry goods. The goods are arriving this week. Hubert Long, formerly with the Greer store, will be with the new store.

Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Brewer are moving from Slaton to Fort Worth, where Mr. Brewer has accepted a position with the Texas State bank in that city. Mrs. Brewer is in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Greer.

Rev. M. B. Johnston, who has been seriously ill at his home in North Decatur for several weeks, has been taken to Waxahachie, where he will be with one of his sons. A change will probably benefit Bro. Johnston. His hundreds of good friends in Decatur and community hope he will rapidly mend in health and be with us again shortly. The grand old fellow is missed.

Jim Gage who lives east of Decatur, is mourning the loss of a pet quail, which was hatched by a turkey hen on the Gage farm last fall. The quail grew up with the young turkeys, and even after was grown the quail stayed with the brood during the day, and fed and roosted with the turkeys at night. Recently the quail was missed by Mr. Gage, who is sure it has fallen a victim to the gun of some hunter.

The Wise County Medical Society held its regular monthly meeting in this city Tuesday in the offices of Dr. Petty. Among the out-of-town physicians present were Drs. W. E. Redford of Boyd, W. L. Russell of Rhome, P. C. Funk of Bridgeport, and D. Y. Stem of Shidell. The annual election of officers was held with the following result: President, Dr. S. J. Petty; vice-president, Dr. W. L. Russell; secretary, Dr. L. Reeves; councilor, Dr. J. A. B.

Mrs. N. A. Moore and baby been seriously sick for several days but Messenger is glad to state they are improving.

Contributions are being solicited for a fund to put the Decatur-Bridgeport road in first-class condition. This is one of the most important roads in Wise county and for months it has been in a deplorable condition, and in view of the fact that the road building bill had been depleted before Commissioner St. Clair took over the reins, it is impossible at this time for the county to construct the road. If you believe in good roads, contribute to this fund. The Decatur Bridgeport road should be one of the best roads in the county.

Be sure to see the extra-special picture, "The Vice of Fools," featuring beautiful Miss Alice Joyce, at the Majestic next Thursday night.

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Friday Morning, January 7, 1921.

Greetings!

Is that New Year's resolution slipping?

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to Messenger's friends.

The depraved and devilish enemy is determined to "turn the patriots out."

Four good milch cows have forty acres of cotton "skinned" forty ways from the deck.

Keep your eye on the Wise county oil fields. They are due to arrive within a short time.

No, Mable, it was not a white Christmas, but they tell us that it was dreadfully dry.

The man who is selling cream and milk to the local agencies is not howling about hard times.

"Patronize home industries" is appealing to a number of our citizens who have been in the habit of going out of town for their wants.

Slowly, but surely, we are forced to the conclusion that Wise county is to have a Meridian Highway.

It wouldn't be a bad idea to recognize Mexico after she cleaned up and swore allegiance to decency.

It is reported that a few of our local patriots discovered that the white stuff does not make egg-nogg of the roasted odor and thump.

Several of our patriots endeavored to mess up the business of the county people.

Friends greetings to its publisher, Lillard, pioneer merchant and business in Decatur, after the Messenger was started. The firm of Lillard & Smith and the Messenger are business concerns in Wise county.

WIFE'S ROADS

If life's roads were as rough as the roads in Wise county, the burden would be greater than our citizens could bear.—Wise County Messenger.

If life's roads aren't pretty rugged, then we miss our guess. The roads of Wise county may be as bad as the Messenger hints they are, but life's roads are by no means velvet in contrast. If you want a close-up view of life's road, take a squint at the tracks of a person who refused forty cents a pound for his cotton a year ago and said he would hold it till he got fifty cents if he had to keep it till a certain place froze over and froze Dives in the ice. Is not his road about as rough as any in Wise county? Or consider the storekeeper who took his gains last April Fool's Day and invested them in a warehouse full of dry goods, groceries and general merchandise, saying: "Last year I couldn't get goods when I wanted them, so this year I am going to be wise and load up." Do you know of any road anywhere rockier than his? The saloon men who were put out of business a couple of years or so ago regarded themselves as ruined. They hadn't anything to do but get jobs at such pay as they might. But, lorzeemerl, if they had stayed in business until this day they would have all been bankrupt, for it isn't possible that they could have sold anybody a drink in times like these. They would have great gallons of booze on hand and no demand for it. Wouldn't that be a pitiful condition and a thorny road? Could Wise county thoroughfare be worse? (Postscript: Come to think of it, there might be a few drinks left, for if there were none sold, the saloon men could drink up whatever was on hand. That kind of a road couldn't be so very bad, so you can see that all about the saloon business is considered only the other examples.)—State Press in Dallas News.

INTOXICANTS FOR PERSONAL USE.

The federal supreme court has recently decided, so far as can be determined from the press reports, that a person having intoxicating liquor lawfully in his possession may transport it from place to place so long as nothing except lawful personal use by him is intended. Except for use by him is intended. Except for the cynicism aroused by some past decisions on the eighteen amendment, few lawyers could have expected any different decision, since the holding amounts to no more than a declaration that one may make a lawful use of property lawfully owned by him. The argument to the contrary is, of course, that the transportation permitted by the decision opens the door to evasions of the law, and it must be admitted that such is the case. The right to be

to fasten guilt on a person whose intent is to make an illegal sale. But there certainly must be a limit somewhere to the power to prohibit lawful acts in order to facilitate the detection of unlawful ones. If no person was allowed to carry or otherwise transport personal belongings in the streets of any city, it would aid greatly in preventing the efforts of thieves to dispose of their booty. A prohibition of the sale or purchase of second-hand chattels would be even more effective. Unless we are to go frankly to the length of saying that the crime of selling liquor unlawfully is of such unique turpitude that all other considerations must yield to its suppression, that offense must be prevented like any other, by the discovery and proof of the facts constituting it. Of course, the decision, however great its scope, is of temporary moment only. The amount of liquor now lawfully owned in the United States is small and steadily diminishing. When it is exhausted the real test of prohibition will come. The Volstead act is on the statute books today largely because very many men who were able to stock their own cellars think that prohibition is good for the other man. When the last bottle is empty and the last faucet emits but the dregs of a once inspiring brew, we will know for the first time what the American people really think about it. In the meantime the supreme court has vindicated a principle of personal liberty, but has done nothing of any permanent value to the thirsty.—Law Notes.

PENNY PRODIGALS.

A tax payer is almost on the warpath. He wants to know how much of the "plus war tax" money gets to the government. He was in a soft drink establishment and purchased a lowball for five cents, plus one cent war tax. The cashier rang up the house's nickel and stored it safely in the till. Uncle Sam's penny she pitched toward the receptacle provided for it. It missed the box and fell to the floor, out of sight. The customer, being zealous for the interest of the auncular Sam, offered to help the young lady find the penny. "That's the government's share," she replied with lack-luster mien, "we should worry about that." And she was right. She should worry. But she didn't worry, the little rascal. She simply didn't care two straws whether Uncle Sam got his penny or not. She doesn't care whether he gets those which land in the box when she pitches them toward it. Probably the boss doesn't care very much. There is no way, as far as State Press knows, to check up on these careless tax custodians. What proportion of the intake which is justly due the government gets there State Press doesn't know and refuses to guess. He pays his penny and takes his drink, leaving it to the conscience of the cashier and the integrity of the boss to see to it that what has cost S. P. dearly will go where it ought to. There may be no way to better it, but it is not a good plan to have pennies lying around loose with no particular guardianship over them. It is too inviting a chance for some who may imagine that what it helps lightly may be taken lightly. Little wrongs have a tendency to lead to large ones. The storekeeper should at least impress it upon his help that Uncle Sam's money is entitled to the same respect and protection that the house's money is. Ten pennies are easily convertible into a dime, and a dime goes a good way at the ten-cent store. Let's all resolve, as merchants and customers, to make the new year one in which we will dodge no obligation of honor, one of which is the honorable wish to pay the government what we owe it and to take care of the government's share of what other people say to it through us. It is a crime to be careless with money. Money is the life blood of a nation's business, and throwing money away is like bleeding unnecessarily.—State Press in Dallas News.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

Some people learn by experience that if they desire to criticize a mule, it is best to do it to his face.—Sioux City Journal.

If this thing keeps on the only thing that can be brewed at home will be trouble.—Leadville (Colo.) Herald-Democrat.

"A poet is born, not made," we are informed, but amateur poets should make it a practice never to be born.—Seat Pleasant (Md.) Sentinel.

An advertisement in a western paper read: "Found: An untrimmed lady's hat." We did not know that the profiteers had left an untrimmed lady in the land.—Louisville Post.

We know personally a lot of El-

The Scrap Book

HAD SOME DOUBT ABOUT IT

Footman Wanted Explicit Directions Where His Employer's Mother-in-law Was Concerned.

William, the footman, called his master over the telephone one day.



"I regret to inform you, sir, that your house is on fire," came the voice across the 'phone.

"What a terrible misfortune! But my wife—is she safe?" queried his master.

"Quite safe, sir;

she got out among the first."

"And my daughters—are they all right?"

"All right, sir; they were with their mother."

"And what about my mother-in-law?"

"That is what I want to speak to you about, sir. Your mother-in-law is asleep on the third floor, and knowing your regard for her comfort, I wasn't sure whether I ought to disturb her or not, sir."—London Tit-Bits.

'SNOW WIDOW' AGAIN BRIDE

Woman of Ninety, With Heroic Record, Led to the Altar for the Fourth Time.

Mrs. John McKenzie, aged ninety, the "Snow Widow," and the idol of British Columbia Cree Indians, is to become a bride for the fourth time. Mrs. McKenzie lost three husbands, all trappers. Two were frozen to death. The third died of starvation. It was while the latter lay dying that Mrs. McKenzie's most tragic adventure took place. They were camped 100 miles north of Stanley mission. In the dead of winter game became so scarce that with their two babies they faced starvation. Then the husband fell ill. Only food would save him. With the two babies, one nursing, Mrs. McKenzie started the 100-mile trip with a famished dog team. The dogs died from lack of food. Tucking the babies in the sled, she fastened the harness about her own waist and continued ten miles. Then one baby fell ill and died. She wrapped a blanket about the tiny body, placed it deep in the snow and out of the twigs of a pine tree fashioned a pitiful little cross, which was placed over the spot. Then she continued the journey. On her arrival food was hurried to her husband, but he was dead. She became the "Snow Widow."

Canada Gets Large Order.

Negotiations for a \$9,000,000 order for woolen textiles have been concluded between Canada and Roumania, and in connection therewith an arrangement has been made with British financiers whereby the Canadian manufacturer will receive cash against documents at the port of loading. Some thirty-seven mills will participate in the cloth order. About 1,900,000 yards of cloth of varying quality and price, involving in the aggregate more than \$7,000,000, will be taken, and the balance of the order will be made up of knit goods—underwear, socks and stockings, sweaters, jerseys, etc.



JUST THE THING

Hippo: I can't keep my stockings up, drat it!
Monk: Why don't you get a garter snake?

Very Much Surprised Hen.

A hen hatched out an alligator at Corpus Christi, Tex. A doctor brought home half a dozen alligator eggs and confided them to a clucking hen. When she saw what she had produced she squawked and ran off the nest, with what her owner diagnosed as a bad attack of nerves. She absolutely refused to proceed any further with her maternal duties.

Light Attracted Moose.

John Traynor of Fredericton, N. B., declares that in automobilizing through New Brunswick woods he was greatly bothered by moose last autumn. He says: "The brilliant shaft of light seemed to lure the moose. In a run of a few miles four came crashing out of the thicket beside the road and plunged into the light."

Country's Power Plants.

According to figures on energy production just issued by the geological survey for the first quarter of 1920, the average daily production from 2,800 power plants was 124,600,000 kilowatt hours in January, 119,800,000 kilowatt hours in February, and 123,000,000 kilowatt hours in March.

HOW

COMMON SUPERSTITIONS ATTAINED THEIR VOGUE

Many superstitions are supposed to have originated from theories based on the workings of the subconscious mind, or some deductions arrived at by observing old sages who knew how to put two and two together.

Giving a knife to a friend, says the philosopher, was considered a likely way to break off a friendship because it denoted some subconscious but sinister thought on the part of the giver.

He doped out the bad luck that was supposed to follow a fellow who walked under a ladder in this wise: If a fellow is so lazy he takes the chance of walking under a ladder instead of going around, he's likely to meet with an accident before long.

Picking up a pin, he says, is a thrifty habit, and the man who picks it up is both saving and observant, and so likely to have success in whatever he does.

As for the innocent \$2 bill, it got its reputation when some careless shopper first handed it out by mistake for a \$1 bill, and didn't get the right change. And the poor \$2 bill, that really is as nice as any of the Long Green family, has been regarded with a cold and suspicious eye.

The bride who drops her ring shows she is either careless or indifferent to her husband, says the philosopher, so can you wonder that their married life isn't going to be smooth?

And here the musty old hander out of information leaves us with something to think about. "The custom of the wedding ring, now that we are on the subject," he tells us with his driest smile, "dates back to the savage tribes. This, one of our most respected customs, had its origin, too, in one of the earliest superstitious rites."

PROVED HUNGER BEST SAUCE

How English King Restored Appetite to High Liver, and Incidentally Collected a Fee.

He liked to stroll about in one of these wankers, and he declared himself king's guard, and

asked for food. He was served with the best the monks had, and among the dishes was a great roast of beef which the royal visitor attacked with gusto and ate until the abbot blinked in wonder.

"I'd give a hundred pounds," he cried, "could I eat like that instead of nibbling at a chicken wing. My stomach is squeasic."

The king departed without identifying himself to the monks, and the very next day the abbot was taken to the Tower and locked in a cell with naught but a bit of bread and water. Several days passed, and then the guards appeared with the information that the abbot was to be freed, and he was conducted to a room where a roast beef was sitting on a table. He was almost starved from his long dieting and he swallowed the last bit of the smoking roast. Out jumped Henry from behind a curtain. "Ah ha," cried the king, "I've cured you, and now down with my hundred pounds or back you go to the Tower."

The money was paid and the abbot departed rejoicing.

New Poinsettias Are Forecast.

To get poinsettias ready for the market by Christmas is a problem that has worried florists ever since the bright red flowerlike leaves of this beautiful plant took their place as a favorite holiday decoration.

The problem has been reduced to a practical solution through the work of Dr. W. W. Garner, tobacco specialist, and H. H. Allard, plant physiologist of the United States Department of Agriculture, who discovered the possibility of advancing or retarding the growth of plants by controlling the period of light each day. Where the light period is shortened the plants reach maturity much sooner than where they are given the natural length of day. In the greenhouses on the department's experimental farm at Arlington, Va., it has been found possible to bring poinsettias into full form as early as August by shortening the daily exposure to light.

How to Prevent Windows Steaming.

This may be prevented either by putting something on the glass to which the water vapor will not adhere, by improving the ventilation or by heating the air near the window so that the steam does not condense on the window. A solution of glycerine in alcohol rubbed over the window on the inside is said to prevent steaming and freezing, while ammonia and various acids are also used in the same way. A double sash on the window is the best preventive in cold weather.

We have nothing to say about reckless autoists today, nor nearly run over us in the last twenty-four hours.—Berwyn (Ill.) Beacon.

Once he has voted gold.—War

A counter note has made its appearance for the country comh (La.) Republican

The worst thing about it is so clothes you were expected for next winter.—Metropolitan.

A man advertising his daughter includes the information the description: "She was blond when last seen."—Jacksonville (Fla.) Metropolis.

The more we see of some we the more we wonder at the high of clothing. The demand is supposed to create the price.—Lemont (Ill.) Optimist-News.

We washed the glass in our fro office door this morning and one of our boy friends tried to stick his hand through the opening.—Waburn (Ill.) Leader.

These falling prices are not falling so fast but what we have been to keep from being knocked down their mad rush to lower levels. Pharr (Tex.) Clarion.

ASK FOR IT

Expect to find the Fisherman the "Mark" Supremacy on every bottle of emulsion you buy.

means that will always as

SCOTT'S EMULSION

Scott & Bowman, Ltd. ALSO MADE IN

USE OF FORESTS IS INCREASING

National Reserves Becoming Recreation Grounds for Campers and Summer Residents.

MANY HOMES BEING BUILT

Income Promises to Be Important Source of Revenue to the United States—Specially Trained Men Needed in Service.

Washington.—That the use of the national forests for recreational purposes is increasing rapidly and bids fair to rank third among the major services performed by the national forests, with only timber production and stream flow regulation taking precedence over it, is the statement made by Col. W. B. Greeley, head of the forest service, in his annual report. Many summer homes are being erected in the national forests by private individuals, and the use of forests for other forms of out-of-door recreation was greater during the past year than ever before.

The summer home business promises to become an important source of revenue, Col. Greeley points out. On the Angeles forest in southern California, for example, a total of 1,329 permits for summer residences and commercial resorts were, he says, in effect at the close of the past fiscal year. The revenue from this one item amounted to approximately \$22,000. It is believed that within a few years the revenues obtained from the various recreational settlements within the Angeles forest will pay the entire cost of protection and administration.

Many western communities are recognizing the recreational resources of nearby national forests as one of their greatest assets and privileges, Col. Greeley says, and are establishing community camps under more or less formal organization.

No Charge to Public.

The picnic camps are improved by the construction of fireplaces, rustic tables and seats, and are made available to the public without any charge. The vacation camps under municipal direction charge merely the expense of feeding and caring for the successive groups of city people who enjoy their privileges.

The growth of the recreational resources of the national forests is so rapid that specially trained men are needed to direct and plan for the most effective development of this service, Col. Greeley says.

The protection of wild life and the recognition of the national forests as natural breeding grounds of fish and game is closely related to the development of the recreational resources. To make more effective the work of game protection, in co-operation with the state and local authorities, and to secure better development of the fish and game resources of the national forests, Col. Greeley believes that congress should make provision for the establishment of game sanctuaries within which wild life may find security. These sanctuaries, he says, should be relatively limited in area, but should be established in considerable number.

Elks Suffer Hardships.

Special attention is called by Col. Greeley to the necessity of additional protection for the harassed and decimated herds of elk using the Yellowstone National park and the surrounding forests. Famine and cold last winter took an unusually heavy toll from their number. Driven out of the high country by starvation and early snows, the northern herd suffered from hunters along the boundary line a percentage loss equal to that of a defeated army.

Many that escaped the hunters perished from cold and starvation before spring. The southern herd also lost heavily. As a result, the total number of animals in these two herds is now estimated by the best qualified officers in the forest service to equal half of their number five years ago.

The addition to the Absaroka and Gallatin forests of the lands still in government ownership and under withdrawal along the Yellowstone river north of Gardiner is urged by the chief forester. This land, he states, is urgently needed as winter range for the elk, and its addition to the national forests will materially relieve the situation without working an injustice to the local inhabitants whose live stock use the range. If this action is not taken the outlook for the northern elk herd is gloomy. The prospects for the southern herd are more bright, but additional purchase of land for summer feeding grounds appear absolutely essential.

CANADA HAS HER OWN NAVY

Takes Her Place Among Naval "Powers" With Cruiser and Two Destroyers.

Halifax.—With the arrival in this port of his majesty's Canadian ships Aurora, Patriot and Patrician, the dominion navy, which heretofore has existed nominally through the possession of the Rainbow and Niobe, cruisers of an ancient pattern, flung to the breeze the banners of maritime strength and prepared to take rank with other naval "powers" of the world.

The vessels, a cruiser and two destroyers, were presented to the dominion government by Great Britain.

...ding wheat in India. Not a ...
...e but an industry.

EMPEROR CHARLES TO REGAIN THRONE

Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary Writes to "the Faithful."

Budapest, Hungary.—Former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary has sent a letter to his supporters here encouraging them in the hope that he will be restored to the Austro-Hungarian throne.

"Powerful agents are at work to restore the Austro-Hungarian monarchy and thereby prevent the Austrians from joining Germany," the erstwhile monarch wrote from Prangins, Switzerland, where he is still in exile. "wait patiently, our trusty and well beloved; circumstances are favorable and with the help of God I shall return to my faithful Magyar subjects."

The letter was brought by a confidant to Charles' adherents, headed by Prince Louis Windischgratz, Count Julius Andrássy and Baron Joseph Szechenyi.

"My claim," the letter continues, "is supported by the Vatican and backed by the French aristocracy, the clergy and the higher military circles. I hope that the Catholic population of Croatia and Slovakia will be only too glad to return under my scepter and King Ferdinand of Roumania will not refuse some territorial concessions to me, who saved his throne at the time when Roumania was occupied by the Germans."

Sons as He Tells of Son Taking Fortune

Montreal, Que.—A tragic story of a father's misplaced confidence which enabled his son to wreck the family fortune during his absence abroad was based on the witness stand before Justice Lennan in Superior court by H. H. Cahon, K. C., one of Canada's most distinguished lawyers.

The witness burst into tears when he told how he had conferred power of attorney on his son, C. H. Cahon, Jr., trusting him absolutely to carry on his affairs while on a European trip, and returning home only to discover that he had been betrayed; that his son had absconded and the family fortune had been wiped out.

The remarkable case was revealed through a suit brought by the Corporation Agencies, Limited, against the Home Bank of Canada to recover \$200,028, the alleged calculations of the son. The case rests on whether the son was held to make good.

MARTINIQUE RUM TRADE GAINS

Island Enjoys Era of Prosperity Due to War and High Prices.

Fort De France, Martinique.—Martinique is enjoying what is characterized as an unprecedented era of prosperity in the history of the island.

This is attributed to the increase of business resulting from the war and to the high prices paid in France for Martinique rum.

The foreign commerce of the island increased from 55,000,000 francs in 1913 to 246,375,885 francs for last year. The figures are expected to be even greater for the coming year.

Th farmers in Martinique have given preference to the production of rum, rather than sugar, since this latter product has been purchased by the government at only 1 franc per kilo (of 2.20 pounds).

Uses of the Parcel Post.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Postal employees have had to stand for turtles, alligators, chickens and other live animals sent by parcel post, but local employees balked when a woman tried to send a forty-five pound boy that way.

A woman wanted to mail him to Knoxville, Tenn. She would have been a mother, as the tax totaled

Greetings 1921

In wishing you a Happy New Year, we also wish to thank you for the most prosperous year in our history—for our store has broken all records in many ways that are most pleasing to us—and we feel that in telling you so, you will share in our pleasure.

We welcome the New Year with joy. For us it means a new beginning, a new opportunity, a new inspiration, a new determination to give the people of this city and vicinity that real service which is the privilege of a great institution to render its patrons.

It is possible for us to find much happiness and honor in the fact that we have acquired a habit of seriously thinking over the needs and comforts of our customers, and we hope that by doing so, we may deserve the continuance of your esteemed patronage.

Rieger Brothers

South Side Square

Decatur, Texas.

News Notes from Rhome

Z. B. Bobo was in Dallas Monday.

Mrs. J. C. Long was in Decatur Saturday.

Joe Robertson and family have moved to Olney.

A. B. VanMeter spent last week in Wichita Falls.

Charles Sparks of Seminary Hill, spent Xmas at home.

Mrs. A. B. VanMeter was shopping in Fort Worth Tuesday.

S. D. Handley made a business trip to Denton Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Morris visited in Fort Worth last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Palmer are here from Mineral Wells.

Miss Dottie Lowance spent last week-end with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Logan are home from Mineral Wells.

Robert Stephens of Houston, visited friends in Rhome Sunday.

Mrs. Will George of Kirkland, was guest of relatives here last week.

Miss Iota June Morris visited in Fort Worth and Dallas last week.

Mrs. Laura Andrews left Sunday for a visit with relatives at Bartlett.

Mmes. J. H. Brown and W. L. Russell spent Wednesday in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Logan are in Mineral Wells for a several weeks' stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Douglas and baby of Vernon, are visiting relatives here.

Miss Nell Rowland of Fort Worth, spent last week-end with Miss Ann Bobo.

W. A. Long and son of Bedias, visited J. C. Long and family last week.

Rev. C. N. Smith and family of Krum, visited friends in Rhome last week.

Mrs. E. A. Wright and Mr. John Harris were in Decatur shopping Saturday.

Miss Magnolia Flowers of Chico, was guest of Miss Margie Lowance Sunday.

Mrs. Farrell Klutz of Amarillo, was the guest last week of Mrs. Marion Holt.

Misses Bess Bobo and Opal Barker of P...

Miss Cassie F. Russell spent last week in Fort Worth, guest of Miss Lucile Faker.

Mrs. Clyde Hurley and Clyde, Jr., of Fort Worth, spent Sunday with Mrs. Zora Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Walcott of Decatur, visited their daughter, Mrs. J. N. Barker last week.

Rev. Ed Weems of T. C. U., Fort Worth, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Weems Sunday.

Miss Opal Barker of Ponder, spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Barker and family.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harf of Seymour, came in last week to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Cy Clark, who is attending T. W. C., Fort Worth, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Clark last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Leach and baby of Dallas, were week-end guests of Rev. A. J. Leach and family.

Hayden Looney, who has spent the past several months in Somerton, Arizona, is home for the holidays.

Mrs. D. P. Shaw leaves Thursday for Waxahachie, to spend Xmas with her daughter, Mrs. Jno. H. Dalton.

C. T. Lowance has purchased the L. C. Toland farm, near Elna, and will take possession first of the year.

Raymond Watkins, who has made Olney his home for several months, has returned home for the holidays.

James Pinkerton and family have returned to Rhome after sojourning for several months in the city of Sydney.

Mrs. R. E. Jones and baby of Burkburnett, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sullivan.

Misses Gabie Sue and Velma Carpenter visited their parents, Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Carpenter, of Decatur Friday-Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. R. W... Lowance and Miss Eula Mae R... visitors Tuesday.

We are to have a tree at the Baptist night. Here's hoping will have good luck Rhome.

J. E. McCullough of Mesquite purchased the United Company's stock of goods Rhome Tuesday in the enterprise.

Misses Bess Bobo and Opal Barker of P...

Lowance of Decatur and Virginia Bobo of Dallas, spent Xmas with homefolks in Rhome.

Misses Glennice Looney, Allie Douglass, Midget Wright and Messrs. Gladys Douglas and Robert Stephens attended the Majestic in Fort Worth Saturday afternoon.

Fort Worth Christmas shoppers from Rhome the past week are legion. A partial list follows: Mmes. Marvin Holt, J. H. McGlothlin, Miss Midget Wright, Messrs. G. G. Ellars, E. L. Smitherman, V. C. Wright, A. J. Leach, Beryl Douglas, Jake Sparks, Misses Glenn and Opal Barker, Miss Gypsy Coates.

Col. C. C. Leonard boasts the distinction of slaughtering the largest hog in Wise county. The squaler dressed 816 pounds, made thirty-nine gallons of lard and one hundred and ten pounds of sausage, and oh, you giant hams which the 'squire will feast on for months to come! Have a heart, colonel, have a heart!

Several of our young people, who are attending colleges, are already home for the holidays, among them being Wayne Renshaw and Alleta Mae Svensson, Baylor University; Pat and Ann Bobo and Gertrude Horton of D. B. C.; Horace and Gordon Barker, Denton Normal; Merle VanMeter and Burch Barker, C. I. A., Denton.

Mrs. M. T. Oates died at her home north of town on Monday, December 27, at 5 o'clock. Funeral services were conducted at the Baptist church Tuesday morning by her pastor, Rev. A. J. Leach, assisted by Rev. J. L. Ward of Decatur, brother of the deceased. Burial in the Masonic cemetery at Aurora. Deceased leaves a husband and seven children, all of whom were present at the time of her death.

The following students, who spent the holidays at home have returned to their respective schools: Merle VanMeter and Burch Barker, C. I. A., Denton; Verda Logan, Christian College, Abilene; Alleta Mae Svensson and Wayne Renshaw, Baylor University; Gordon and Horace Barker, Denton Normal; Ben Jones, Meridian College; Ann and Pat Bobo, Gertrude Horton, D. B. C.; Etta Mae VanMeter, Business College, Sherman.

The Scrap Book

WANTED TO BE QUITE SURE

Explorer Had Blundered Badly Twice, but at Last Got on Reasonably Safe Ground.

The newly returned African explorer found himself in a horribly tight corner at the first social function he attended. A scraggy-necked damsel, of very uncertain age, bore down upon him effusively.



"Well, this is a pleasure, Mr. Bighore! Charmed to see you again, I'm sure! You remember me, of course?"

"Oh—er—yes, of course," returned the traveler, wrestling with his memory. "Delighted to see you. All the youngsters quite well?" "Youngsters?" gasped the antique one.

"Er—of—course—how is your family, I meant to say. Your husband, for instance."

"My—? Dear me, I never had a husband!"

"Ha, ha! No, no, of course not—only a joke on my part, you know," stammered the agitated explorer. "I—I was referring to your brother. I'm sure you love him just as much as if he were your husband."

"But I never had a brother either!" "Er—of course not. Merely a little pleasantry of mine—ha, ha! I—er—meant to ask, how is your—your—by the way, did you ever have a mother?"

SAD ENDING TO USEFUL LIFE

Famous Portuguese Savant Passing His Closing Days in the Poorhouse at Lisbon.

Dr. Jose de Arriaga, a university man, historian, critic and savant, and brother of the late President Manuel de Arriaga, is an inmate of the Lisbon poorhouse, in ill health and penniless. Dr. Jose de Arriaga resided for a long time in Brazil, where he collected notes on Brazilian life and literature. It was after his return to Portugal when he was arranging with an editor for the publication of a book on Brazil that he was taken ill and, after a struggle against adversity, was obliged to take refuge in the poorhouse.

He is a direct descendant of King Alfonso III of Portugal in the seventeenth generation and of King Ramiro II of Leon and Castella, and the twenty-fifth grandson of Hugh Capet, duke of France and count of Paris and Orleans.

His brother, the late president, died a poor man partly because of his inflexible republican opinions which led him to refuse, at one time, to serve as tutor to the sons of the then king of Portugal. For his ardent efforts to establish a republic, the Portuguese feel that they owe a debt of gratitude to President de Arriaga.



HOSPITALITY.

"Do you mean to say your father-in-law invited you to visit him?" "Same thing. When I suggested it over the telephone he told me to come if I dared."

Moonshine?

Dr. H. S. Hatch, superintendent of Sunnyside sanatorium, was informed one evening recently by one of his employees that there was a big fire at Oaklandon. Dr. Hatch hustled over to Oaklandon to see the big fire.

He returned later with the explanation that what the employee had thought was a big fire was nothing but the moon shining.—Indianapolis News.

Canal Project for France.

Plans are being formulated for the construction of a canal to extend from the port of Dunkirk to the basin of Saarbrücken, permitting the navigation of boats up to 600 tons. The length of this canal will be approximately 500 kilometers (312 miles). The canal will be known as "Le Canal du Nord-Est."—Scientific American.

French Chicken.

A chicken hatched at Forest, Ont., last spring has its wing feathers all

LADDIE!

Oh, laddie mine, it cannot be! 'Tis twenty years, you say, Since you were prattling at my knee Of all you'd do some day. I knew a baby boy so glad To spell a baby rhyme, And now you're going a-wooing, lad! Love loses count of time.

Oh, laddie, am I dreaming now, Or does your voice awake The echo of a childish vow That once you loved to take. You'd never leave your mother, no, For all your life, you said; But that was twenty years ago, And now you're going to wed.

So, laddie mine, the journey's o'er, Our way must part in twain; Your steps shall seek another's door, And mine turn back again. But lonely thought will come, you know So when my heart does ache, I'll dream it's twenty years ago, And pray I may not wake.

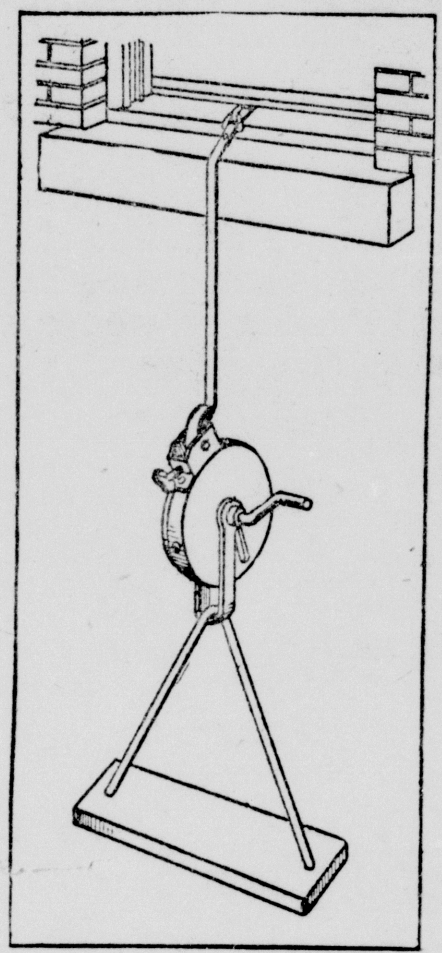
—Mary O'Connor, in London Answers.

FIRE-ESCAPE ALWAYS HANDY

Device of Kansas Man So Compact It Can Be Carried in the Ordinary Traveler's Trunk.

Pietro V. Vescovi of Ottawa, Kan., has invented a portable fire-escape so compact and readily utilizable that any traveler may carry one in his trunk as a precaution against emergencies.

Or it would easily be practicable for a hotel to provide such a fire-escape



Makes It Easy to Flee Fire.

in every room, with a strong hook on a convenient window ledge for its attachment.

Having secured the affair to the hook, or any other available means of attachment, the person seeking escape from fire has only to seat himself on a little board, which (as shown in the drawing) is suspended from a drum containing a coiled rope.

The drum is operated by a crank handle, and the occupant of the swinging board lowers himself to the ground by turning this handle—a brake serving to retard the running out of the rope, so that there is no undue swiftness in his descent.

The First Time.

A north side family had a new maid, who made quite a hit with five-year-old Nick the first evening by playing with him and being nice generally, after which she paid very little attention to him. Several weeks later, while ironing a "middy," he asked her whether that was the waist she wore the first day she came, to which she answered, "Yes." "That night you played dominoes with me and we had such a good time?" he said. He sighed, then said, "I guess that's the way with most folks, they're good to you the first time they see you."—Indianapolis News.

Want American Cafeterias.

The foreign department of the Y. W. C. A. is sending a cafeteria director to Beirut at the request of people there, to open a cafeteria. She will sail from New York soon with other secretaries, who are to carry on girl's work in the Near East. Constantinople and Smyrna also have asked for assistance in opening cafeterias. Countries in which such eating places have been started by the American Y. W. C. A. include Brazil, Argentina, Italy, Belgium, France, Czechoslovakia, Roumania and the Near East.

Electric Sterilization.

Farmers in increasing number are canning their surplus food and fruit products by the aid of the electric fireless cooker. The jars of food to be preserved are placed inside the cooker in a deep kettle containing four inches of water, and in thirty minutes the water is boiling, giving the jars a sterilizing treatment.

Man Pedigrees.

It is proposed for the National Association of Pedigrees in the United States to publish a book of the pedigree of the herd book.

Than the Disease.

Under rolled, in butter and is an old cure for the jaundice.

Curious Currency.

are still used as money in India, as cloves were in the Molucca islands.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

REVISED SCHEDULE FOR FORT WORTH & DENVER TRAINS

North Bound		
Ft. Worth	Decatur	W. Falls
*3—8:30 am	10:00 am	12:55 pm
*1—10:00 am	11:32 am	2:00 pm
*5—6:00 pm	7:50 pm	10:45 pm
*7—10:25 pm	12:02 am	2:50 am
South Bound		
W. Falls	Decatur	Ft. Worth
*8—3:05 am	5:40 am	7:15 am
*6—8:00 am	11:00 am	1:00 pm
*4—2:00 pm	4:59 pm	6:40 pm
*2—3:25 pm	5:55 pm	7:25 pm

Nos. 1, 2, 7 and 8 run between Denver and Fort Worth.

Nos. 1 and 2 stop at Bowie but not at Decatur.

Nos. 7 and 8 stop at Decatur, Bowie and Henrietta.

No. 3 makes all local stops and goes to Childress.

No. 5 makes all local stops and goes to Wichita Falls and Abilene.

No. 6 makes all local stops and comes from Abilene and Wichita Falls.

No. 4 makes all local stops and comes from Childress.

All extra sections have been discontinued. Now only one section of each train in regular, daily operation.

Chas. Devereux is here from Dallas.

Mrs. M. B. Smith visited in Dallas last week.

L. M. Cobb of Dallas visited relatives here.

Miss Clara Belew was a Waco visitor Saturday.

Arnold Davenport was up from State University.

Mrs. J. W. Turney visited in Ft. Worth this week.

Clyde McCurdy and family visited in Ponder last week.

John Rector and family leave this week for a stay in Waco.

Carl England was here the past week from Breckenridge.

Bob Faulkner was at home the past week from west Texas.

Jim Parr of Henrietta, was here last week visiting relatives.

Alma Gilliland of Navasota, was here last week visiting friends.

Mrs. E. R. Arnett of Fort Worth, has been visiting relatives here.

Mrs. L. H. Fox of Kirkland, visited relatives in and near Decatur.

Warner Dodson and family of Gainesville have been visiting here.

Attorney A. J. Clendenen was in the city from Fort Worth this week.

P. P. McDermott of Dallas, was in the city Monday.

E. P. Harding was here last week from Groesbeck.

Mrs. Bob Carswell of Dallas, visited Mrs. T. L. Ball.

Mrs. E. W. Bass and daughter are visiting in Galveston.

Miss Mildred Kerr has returned from a visit to Dallas.

Carl England of Ranger, visited here during the holidays.

Thursday night—"The Vice of Fools," at the Majestic!

Mrs. S. B. Pearson of Paradise, was a visitor in the city Monday.

Misses Maggie and Agnes Spencer visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Shults.

Bryan Davenport of Fort Worth, was here last week visiting his mother.

Hon. Leroy Elmore of Oklahoma City, spent several days with friends here.

Mrs. H. W. Barton and sons spent several days visiting relatives at Haskell.

Mrs. H. L. Jones has returned from a visit to relatives in Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Martin of Crosbyton, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Gib Taylor.

Buck England of the aviation service, was here last week from San Antonio.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Long, on Friday, December 31, a daughter.

Miss Beryl Thomas of Goodnight has been the guest of Miss Esther Williams.

Miss Pearl McCurdy of Wichita Falls, has been visiting Mrs. Clyde McCurdy.

Our New

Is destined to be the greatest in the year 1920 we worked only in that the word "SERVICE" is modern retailing that stands for the customer should expect.

We have endeavored to serve the value, by marking merchandise as consistent with proper merchandising us a fair profit, and giving the customer service in the store that they expect in the merchandise they bought.

This We Pledge

To continue to serve, not only the coming year but the years to come; merit the confidence that a worthy person in us; to bring to the people of Decatur a satisfaction that will forever register of this store in their thoughts whenever of "fair dealing" and "fair service;" put these principles constantly in position can make a lasting impression, continue to expand and develop to its possibilities.

Bellah-Bailey

—The White Store for All the People—

West Side Square —O—

Mrs. E. T. Kemp has returned from a visit to friends in Dallas.

The grand-jury reconvened Tuesday morning.

Misses Agness and Maggie Spencer of Dallas, visited here last week.

Mrs. J. J. Terrell and children of Austin have been the guests of Mrs. E. C. Terrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Harris have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Guinn, Williams.

Mrs. F. P. Timberlake yesterday returned to her home in Wichita Falls, after a visit here.

Miss Mary Warren Shoemaker and Myrtle Shelton of Bowie, have been the guests of Mrs. T. J. McMurray.

Pure corn chops for \$2.25 per hundred at Lillard Mill.

Miss Ruby Mae Rush has returned from an extended visit to Plainview and Lubbock.

Miss Christine Thurmond has returned to T. C. U., Fort Worth, after several days' visit here.

Mrs. Jay Ingram has returned to her home after several days visit with relatives in Sweetwater.

Mrs. Murdock Young and son of Polytechnic, have been the guests of the family of M. Gregg.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Berry, on Tuesday, December 28, 1920, a son.

If you want beautiful, white flour, ask your grocer for Pride of Texas. \$3.05 for 48-pound sack.

Terrell Lillard and Ike Killough were in Bridgeport on business Tuesday.

Homer Mann and family of Clarendon, visited homefolks here last week.

Miss Stella Renfro of Fort Worth, has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. N. Hunt.

A. H. Brady and family of Fort Worth, have been visiting relatives and friends here.

Mill-run bran for \$2.15 per hundred at Lillard Milling Company. Telephone your order to mill.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Andrews, near Archer City, was destroyed by fire one night last week.

Mrs. Johnnie McFarland and little daughter, Zenobia, have returned from a visit to Wills Point.

Misses Ethel Brock of Bridgeport, and Ayleen Bozy of Iowa Park, were guests of Misses Moore last week.

P. M. Gregg and sister, Miss Mary A. Gregg, of Olympia, Wash., have been visiting the family of M. Gregg.

Plain sewing and mending factory done at my home, Walnut street. Mrs. S. J. city.

Miss Ora Matheson, and Nettie McCormack and Riddle, were Fort Worth Sunday.

If you want beautiful, ask your grocer for Pride of Texas. \$3.05 for 48-pound sack.

Judge French Spencer of the supreme court at Austin, was here during the holidays visiting friends and relatives.

Ben Fullingim of Sallyard, Kansas, spent the holidays here with relatives. Ben is prospering in the Kansas oil fields.

Miss Susie Williams Sanders has returned to Al Wilson, near Wichita Falls, where she is teaching, after a stay with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hammett of Ft. Worth, and Mrs. George Orway and son of Amarillo, have been the guests of the family of M. Gentry.

A number of you who were charmed by Mrs. J. J. Terrell's Twixt-bridge farm on Tuesday last week.

Miss V. H. York of the Tishomingo, Oklahoma, high school, spent last week with Miss Clara Belew. Misses Belew and Pope returned to Oklahoma Sunday.

Gray shorts \$2.65 per hundred at Lillard Milling Company. Telephone your order.

Al Armstrong spent several days in the oil fields near Waco. While there Mr. Armstrong brought in a well on his lease in the shallow district.

Cody Milligan left this week on his new duties as salesman for the Lummis Cotton Gin Sales Co. Mr. Milligan will work all of Northwest Texas.

The barn of W. V. Cunningham burned Friday night about 10:30 o'clock. An auto and a quantity of feed were burned. A small amount of insurance was carried on the barn. Cause of fire is unknown.

Mmes. J. H. Cates and Minnie Inman entertained last Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Cates with a bridge party in honor of Mrs. F. P. Timberlake of Wichita Falls.

Prof. Harley Burton of Clarendon college, came home for the holidays, but has since been ill at the home of his brother, Alse, in this city. He will be able to return to his duties next week.

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Try the

CARD OF

We wish to thank you for kindnesses shown to our beloved husband, MRS. G. F. PLATTEN.

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CARD OF

The Book

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A Couple
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Following what is the mat-
ter of the stranger.
"Much, yes," came the re-
ply, "I am a week or
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MEDICINES

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ed, says the Brook Eagle. Thou-
sands of patients in New York's hos-
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will be. For some last for
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have proved to be effective in
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pitals have smaller amounts of
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dium treatments with it.
The fund reimbursing the
the care of patients who
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Longest Pipe Line.
The longest pipe line in Poland for
the purpose of oil was opened on
6, 1920. This duct, which
Jaslo to Gorlitz, is con-
10-inch piping and is 28
17.38 miles) in length. It
d with another line that
Jaslo to Mezinek. Both
were constructed by the
russian and are used for
the transport of oil from the wells
to numerous refineries and
since the construction of
the line a sufficient number
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of coal to result in the
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and lead a life of ease and luxury.
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wicked work of stinging to death all
her sister queens before they can
emerge from their cells. She takes
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out in ever-widening spirals, and after
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The Giving of an Apple Was a Real Tip

The sophisticated city man, wise in
his own conceit and full of a sense of
that wisdom, will snicker when he
hears of how a Nebraska "rube" gave
a hotel bellhop a big red apple as a
tip. But just let the smart aleck
think a moment.

Giving of apples has had some ma-
terial and permanent effect on the
destiny of the human race. It started
right at the very beginning, when
Mother Eve gave one to Adam, and
from that day to this the train of
events that set in motion has been
troubling mankind. That, of course,
is a familiar story.

Then there is the episode in which
Venus permitted Paris to present an
apple to Helen, which simple little act
"launched a thousand ships, and
burned the topless towers of Ilium."

Apples that grew only in the Gar-
den of Hesperides brought something
of fame to Hercules, but he gathered
them.

In fact, the history of the race teems
with incidents in which an apple
has had something to do with
shaping destiny. We may turn away
from that and consider the point in a
more material aspect.

Had the farmer given the boy a
dime, it would have been in strict
accord with conventions. Yet the boy
would have had some difficulty in ex-
changing that dime for a big red ap-
ple. He could not eat the dime, but
he could devour, ingest, digest, assim-
ilate and enjoy the fruit. Therefore,
just in the degree that the pleasure
of eating a large and juicy apple, no
matter what variety, exceeds the slip-
ping of a thin dime into one's pocket,
so did the boy gain through the farmer's
generosity. It was a real tip, all
right, rare enough, and therefore, the
more noteworthy.—Omaha Bee.

GEM HAS PLACE IN HISTORY

Why Great Ruby Has Been Given
Position of Honor in British
Monarch's State Crown.

The history of England might be
written round the gems that adorn the
royal emblems. Place of honor in the
front of the king's state crown is given
to the great ruby, which is as large
as a small hen's egg, and is the cele-
brated and historic jewel which first in
its English history belonged to the
Black Prince, the eldest son of Edward
III. The ruby came to him in knightly
fashion on the field of battle, being
given to the Black Prince by Don Pe-
dro, king of Castille, for skill shown
in a short campaign in Spain. The
ruby does not appear in history until
it took part in the battle of Agincourt,
when Henry V went to the head of his
troops with the ruby glittering on the
front of his coronet helmet. More
than a century later, when Charles I
was beheaded, it was ordered by par-
liament that all the insignia of royalty
should be destroyed, and the gems set
therein sold to the best advantage. In
the list appears the statement that the
great ruby was sold for £4 and passed
to some unknown purchaser. "He may
have been a royalist in disguise or he
may have been a dealer in stones, or
this may have been a spurious deal to
favor a parliamentarian . . . but
whatever its adventures during the
commonwealth era, we find the ruby
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THE SAILOR'S STAR.

While other watchers of the night
Are roving round the sky
In Lyra's scintillating group
It keeps its station high,
A lighthouse in the firmament
For ships both near and far,
Serene and steady all the year,
The sailor's special star.

On lonely seas where tall white sails
In stately beauty go,
And ocean lanes where liners race
With roaring wakes of snow,
A thousand quadrants mirror back
The pure celestial light
That never fails from port to port
To lead the sailor right.

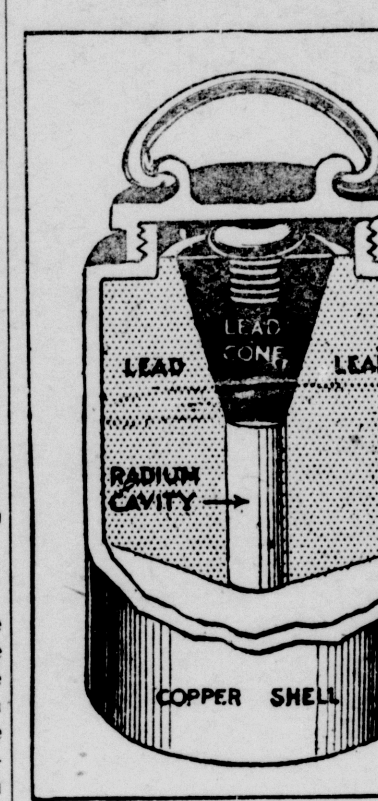
It shone above the viking ships
That westward boldly bore,
It led the little Mayflower safe
To Plymouth's rocky shore,
And long as men in sail or steam
The trackless billows roam,
Vega will guide the outward bound,
And bring the sailor home.

—Minna Irving, in New York Sun.

SAFETY FOR RADIUM CARRIER

How the Precious But Perilous Mate-
rial Is Transported Without
Danger to the Bearer.

Radium is transported in a specially
devised case, as shown by the diagram,
which is reproduced by courtesy of
Popular Science Monthly.
The radium is placed in a hole in
the center of a thick lead crucible.



Construction of Container.

Why lead? Because lead does not per-
mit the passage of the radium rays,
and in this way the person in charge
of the transportation of the substance
is protected from injury.

Certain of the rays from radium pro-
duce a peculiar and dangerous burn,
resembling an X-ray burn, which is
practically incurable.

Praying for Rain in Korea.

Korean daily newspapers do not an-
nounce "fair and warmer" indications
for the next day, as the natives believe
the gods are in charge of the weather,
and that if properly approached their
climatic decisions may be registered.
Dr. A. Garfield Anderson of Wonja,
Korea, describes the various ways by
which the people try to induce rain.
They write prayers for rain and hang
them up on the hillside. Two dragons
lie between the market stalls, each
about 100 feet long and two feet
high at the head, tapering off gradu-
ally to the tail. A sorcerer in time
of dry weather will come out and
dance before these dragons to bring
rain.

Married in Batches.

In the crowded towns of the north
of England, certain churches are,
among the working class population,
held in great popularity for the cere-
mony of marriage. This popularity
entails, in the case of the parish
churches of certain of the northern
towns, an immense number of mar-
riages on a given day, and on these
occasions the only practical course is
to arrange the various couples in
batches of twenty at a time; and it is
a positive fact that at certain periods
the clergy have much difficulty in
"sorting" out the right couples, so to
speak.

Cat's Long and Painful Journey.

Red, New Jersey's champion tom-cat
pedestrian, has just completed a hike
of sixty-seven miles from a farm which
its owner, Lawrence Blamey, sold a
year ago. Thinking his pet cat would
prefer field mice to those of the do-
mestic variety, he left Red on the
farm. The exhausted feline finally suc-
ceeded in finding the new home of his
master. Red's claws were worn down
to the quick.

Odd Place for Corkscrew.

Mr. A. H. Ball, deputy minister of
education for Saskatchewan, while
digging potatoes in his field near Regi-
na, turned up one which had a cork-
screw firmly imbedded in it. Why
does not appear, for there was no
bottle thereabouts. The suspicious
tuber has been handed over to the
provincial librarian, who will probably
place it in the museum.

Prehistoric Remains.

Fossilized blood corpuscles have
been discovered in the remains of an-
te-diluvian monsters in Canada. The
brains of tiny fishes have also been
found petrified in coal mines.

Scent Lures Birds to Death.

The scent of the lovely yellow orchid
bloom of the vanilla plant is very at-
tractive to certain humming birds, but
one whiff of it is deadly poison to
them.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

In beginning the New Year as a firm in Decatur, we wish to thank the trading public for the generous reception accorded us by the people of this community.

We hope to merit the growing patronage we are receiving by giving you your groceries at a living price and furnishing you real service you will appreciate.

Yours for a prosperous and happy New Year

Buttrill Brothers

SUCCESSORS TO FRED FREEMAN

MESSANGER NOTES OF 20 YEARS AGO

Messenger January 4, 1901.

Keich Halsell left Wednesday for his ranch in the Territory.

H. H. Halsell shipped 600 large steers to market Tuesday.

J. P. Hayter returned Thursday from a holiday visit to Grayson county.

Deputy Sheriff W. M. North returned Saturday from a trip to Chickasha, I. T.

Miss Eva Hayes left Thursday for a visit at Dallas with her friend, Miss Lillie Bell.

Mrs. A. B. Leeds of Fort Worth, spent a few days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Cates.

Almer Gilliland arrived Wednesday from Navasota and has taken a position with Lillard & Co. as tinner.

Miss Grace Brady, who spent the holidays with her cousin, Miss Nell Myers, returned Thursday to her home in Dallas.

The residence of Buck Riley in Greenwood, caught fire Tuesday, but was extinguished before much damage was done.

Miss Pearl Bennett has been engaged as teacher in the fourth grade of the public school to fill the place of Miss Cora Penn.

F. L. Spencer arrived in the city Friday night to spend a few weeks with his parents, Judge and Mrs. R. F. Spencer. Flay is now located at Rush Springs, I. T.

Dr. Riley of Bowie, was pardoned on New Year's day. He still had nearly two years to serve. The physicians of the state had much to do with securing his pardon.

A fire last Tuesday night destroyed two small residences in the southeast part of town occupied by Ben Sikes and Henry Mooney. Sikes had only moved in the day before and lost almost everything he had.

Dr. J. J. Ingram of Anneville, has moved to this city, occupying Jess Woody's house in the southeast part of town. He has formed a partnership with Dr. C. B. Simmons. They will office over the City Drug store.

Judge Carrigan was accidentally shot while out hunting the latter part of last week. He and his nephew, a son of T. H. Barwise, went out hunting and the latter fired at some birds, not knowing the judge was anywhere in his neighborhood. To the surprise of both, the shot from the young man's gun peppered "Uncle Alf" liberally in the hands and face, but were too small to do serious harm. One shot struck him in the top of his head, in the place where he usually parts his hair, one passed through his ear, one entered his hand and two or three lodged in his chin. The judge is none the worse for his experience, except that he has to endure the good natured raillery of his friends.—Wichita Herald.

Burglars last night effected an entrance into the jewelry store of B. B. Poore at Bridgeport and blew the large safe open and got about \$150. There was about \$235 in the safe, but in their hurried flight \$85 was overlooked. The explosion was terrific and awakened a number of people who thought it only cannon crackers. Besides the money, the safe was filled with watches, jewelry, etc., which were more or less damaged and the heavy plate glass in the window, clocks on the wall and other articles were blown to pieces. Mr. Poore estimates his loss at about \$1,000. This is the fourth time within the last eighteen months that Mr. Poore has been robbed. A man who professes to have seen the robber is under arrest.

"The Vice of Fools," an extra-special feature picture, has been secured for the majestic theatre to be played next Friday night. See

News from Cottonwood

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams, on December 20, a son.

Miss Beatrice Coleman has returned home after a visit to Roscoe.

Miss Effie Harris spent Sunday with Misses Ira and Cly Harper.

Mr. Bill Morehead of Arbersty, is visiting friends and relatives at this place.

Mr. G. W. Kinsey entertained the young folks Sunday night with a singing.

Mr. Homer Godbey and wife, and Mr. J. S. Harper left Monday morning for Graham.

Mr. James Harper, who is teaching at Carlisle, has returned home to spend the holidays.

Miss Roxie Vance of Fort Worth, spent Sunday and Monday with relatives and friends here.

Mr. Andrew Jackson Fitzgerald has returned home from West Texas, where he has been picking cotton.

After spending a few days with homefolks, Mr. Earl Vance has returned to Baylor University, Waco.

Miss Nettie Brown of Garvin, Miss Cleo Alexander of Boyd, spent Sunday and Monday with Misses Florence and Mary Kinsey.

On December 12th Mr. Johnnie Jarvis of Keeter and Miss Lottie Bobo of this place, were united in marriage, Mrs. N. L. Clark of Fort Worth, performing the ceremony. A few friends and relatives attended the wedding: Misses Myrtle Petty, Mabel Harris, Alma Williams, Millie Blair, Effie Harris and Carrie Williams, Millie Blair, Effie Harris, and Messrs. Alford Bobo, Gade Wilson, Bill Patterson, Tallie Patterson, Albert Bradford and Lee Mercer. They will reside in this community.

News from Allison

Edward Garrett is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Stamford Moore is on the sick list this week.

Allen Hale left Saturday for Bryan where he is attending school.

Everyone is enjoying and taking advantage of the pretty weather.

Sidney Taylor and wife of Devol, Okla., are here visiting their relatives and friends.

Mrs. Patton and children visited Mr. Wilhite and family Saturday and Sunday at Oak Grove.

Misses Zano Mulkey, Willie Lewis, and Laura Reynolds were supper guests of Katherine Ramsay Sunday.

A large crowd of young folks enjoyed a good singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wilson Sunday night.

Mr. J. D. Ross and family have moved to the Oliver community. We hope they will like their new home and gain many new friends.

Mr. Will Mulkey and family are preparing to move to Cache, Oklahoma, to make their home. We regret very much to give up our neighbors we have lived by and loved so long; we feel sure some one will be benefited by their coming into their community.

Brother Patton filled his regular appointment Sunday. Sunday school was good—we had sixty-three present. We elected new officers and teachers. Mr. Gibbins, superintendent; Mr. Markham, assistant superintendent; Katherine Ramsey, secretary-treasurer.

News from Alvord

(Alvord News.)

Wednesday afternoon the high school basketball girls played D. B. C. girls at Decatur. The girls played good ball but were somewhat lost on their indoor court, as they have never played a game before. The final score was 30 to 15 in favor of D. B. C.

Mr. B. C. Justice and Miss Beulah Mae Emerson were united in marriage at the Baptist pastory by Pastor Thos. J. Doss Christmas day. Both are well known young people of friends who are rejoicing with them in their happy relationship and who wish to them much happiness and prosperity.

Monday afternoon at three o'clock Mrs. Basal D. Sartin and Miss Lilly Ward were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Ward, Rev. Keller, pastor of the First Christian church of Wichita Falls, performed the ceremony. The groom is prominent young lawyer of Wichita Falls, and the bride is a highly esteemed young lady of Alvord. The happy young couple left Monday on the four-thirty train for Dallas. They will be at home in Wichita Falls after the first of January, 1921. The News joins their many friends in wishing them all the joy and happiness possible in this life.

Mr. Kelley B. Adair of Chico, and Miss Gladys Magers of Alvord, were united in marriage by Rev. J. Baker of Bowie, pastor of the Alvord Cumberland Presbyterian church, on December 27th, 1920, at about five o'clock in the afternoon at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. H. T. Magers. This indeed was a very beautiful wedding, and was witnessed by a few of the immediate relatives of these young people. They were both well acquainted, which wish them every possible happiness in their new relationship. Mr. and Mrs. Adair will be at home after January 10, 1921 at Liberty Hill.

News from Paradise

R. C. Coffee of Austin, is spending the holidays with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stutt of Weatherford, are the guests of homefolks.

Miss Pearl Taylor, who is teaching school near Austin, is visiting friends and relatives in and around Paradise.

Miss Lena Coffee and sister, Mrs. Harry Beville, have returned from Austin, and will enter school at Paradise.

Miss Trula Stutt has returned home from an extended visit to friends and relatives in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. X. X. Jay of Fort Worth, spent Xmas day with relatives in Paradise.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lindsey have been spending a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dill Lindsey.

Miss Movelda Frost of T. C. U., is spending a few days with relatives.

Happy New Year to all!

News from Slidell

Brother Durham is very sick at his home in Slidell.

Mrs. S. A. Anderson is recovering from a sudden illness taken one day last week.

The Baldock and Coffee families are this week moving to Weinert and Haskell in Haskell county.

Ellis Milligan has moved to the Fletcher farm.

Chas. E. Peery and family of Sanger, were Slidell visitors last Sunday.

Clay Green and wife of Sanger, were guests in the Freeman home Sunday.

Mrs. Bruce Bulgart of Decatur, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Jameson.

The rains and wind storm of Monday night week did some damage to fences, windmills and out buildings.

The men of the community have done some good work in grading the bad stretch of road immediately southwest of town.

The school children rendered a Christmas program Thursday night. The next community meeting will be held January 7 at which Page Durham's and J. M. Balthrop's spelling teams will contest for district championship honors. On January 14, County Agent E. T. Kemp will address the people in the interest of the winter enterprise.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks and express our appreciation to the friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses and words of sympathy during our recent bereavement. The last illness and at the death of our husband and father, B. May God's richest blessing be yours, is our prayer.

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MISSIONARY DAY AT SYCAMORE 9TH

According to the arrangements and plans of the members of the Sycamore Baptist church, Sunday, January 9th is to be observed as foreign mission day.

The volunteer band of the Decatur Baptist College, consisting of several young men and women who are preparing for special work on foreign mission fields, are to be with us on that occasion, and render a helpful program.

This service is arranged by church and the pastor, for the information and inspiration of the christian people and for the encouragement of the worthy young people.

It is the hope of the pastor that a good attendance will turn out, and naturally helpful service be had. The program will appear in next week's issue of the Messenger. It will be left to good women to arrange entertainment for the visitors.—G. W. TYSON, Pastor.

OLD RESIDENTS OF COUNTY SURPRISED

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Womack, parents of seven living girls and five boys, arose Xmas morning wondering and talking about the day and whether any of the children were coming to see them. They thought it too cold for some of them with children, but finally one by one they began to arrive. Soon they were in company with all the children except one; and each one brought well filled baskets and a grand dinner for them was spread, reaching across the whole long dining room.

An enjoyable day was spent with lots of good dinner, music and lots of merry laughing and talking. May be Xmas days are merry and enjoyable as this one.

There were seven daughters and sons present, seventeen grandchildren. The following were present: Bart Miller and family, Jesse Porter and family, Eland Porter and family, Tim Harlan and family, Perrin and family, Lewis Womack and family, Arnie Deaton and Emma, Lucile and Earnest Womack, who have not as yet gone from the nest.

BOARD OF THANKS

Thank my good friends for the beautiful house for the beautiful presented at the time of death. CARL FAY.

STRANGE MALADY SWEEPING HAITI

Doctors Unable to Discover the Source of Most Baffling and Fatal of Diseases.

WHITE POPULATION IMMUNE

Allment That Kills 20,000 Natives Every Year Starts in the Feet and Spreads Upward, the Body Becoming Swollen.

Port-au-Prince, Haiti.—The American occupation of Haiti has served to direct medical research into one of the most baffling and perhaps fatal maladies known to modern medicine.

Haiti is a land of 2,000,000 people. The most conservative estimate, based on 12 months of historical research into Haiti's mysterious disease, is that a million Haitians have succumbed to the malady in the last 50 years. Here where native productivity is truly synonymous with extravagant tropical verdure, a death rate of 20,000 a year, or nearly 1,700 a month, has not served to worry the nationals.

For the last five years American medical officers have noticed that lower caste Haitians, sent to prison, develop an alarming condition there and die at a rate of from 50 to 90 per cent of those affected.

Only during the last 12 months have the causes and effects of these alarming deaths been studied and recognized as a separate disease. The discovery was made a year ago by Dr. W. L. Mann, surgeon of the United States navy, a native of Austin, Tex., whose naval rank is that of lieutenant commander, supervising the entire medical department of the American-controlled Gendarmerie d'Haiti.

Dr. Mann is a graduate of Harvard medical school, holder of several college degrees and has spent the major part of his time in tropical and sub-tropical countries. His writings on preventive medicine and tropical disease and long experience equipped him to point out this mysterious disease soon after his arrival in Haiti.

Cause Undetermined.

Aided by the medical officers of the gendarmerie in an intensive research, Dr. Mann told the New York Tribune correspondent here that nothing has developed which may definitely determine the cause of the disease, which if ascertained and measures taken to combat would result in the saving of possibly more than 20,000 lives annually.

The disease has three manifestations. One of the most notable symptoms is swelling of certain parts of the body. The flesh becomes waterlogged or "dropsical." It usually begins in the feet and spreads upward.

Another form is the dry or emaciated type. The patient shows marked emaciation and dwindles almost to skin and bones. Often dropsical changes to dry and vice versa. It is not unusual to see a patient almost a living skeleton, then develop a wet condition, and with the retention of fluid in the body gain 20 or 30 pounds in a few days and become so swollen up that recognition of his features is difficult.

One of the mysteries of the disease is that women seldom, if ever, contract it. One medical officer in Haiti has observed more than 1,000 cases without finding a single case among females. At one time during Doctor Mann's investigations women were supposed to be entirely immune. Finally three cases among women developed at the same dwelling place. This combination of circumstances suggested a disease of an infectious nature.

Disease Appears Suddenly.

A third manifestation of the malady is that which suggests plague. From 5 to 25 per cent of the fatalities take place in persons who do not complain of any symptoms. A person will appear in perfect health; then, without warning, fall in a faint and gradually expire.

Though the grouping of Haitian negroes in prisons called Doctor Mann's attention to the disease, he is reasonably certain that it is not due to confinement, as in some prisons the malady is entirely absent. Before the advent of Americans in Haiti the prisons were quagmires where prisoners were thrown to subsist on food smuggled in by relatives or starve. Today, under American supervision, the prisons are models of cleanliness, but sanitation has not served to eradicate the mysterious disease. Infection almost has been eliminated by research as the cause. Imprisonment possibly aids the malady, but it is not entirely responsible, as numerous natives who never saw a prison succumb. Research brought to the possible cause to the question of faulty diet, especially in prisons. On this question Doctor Mann was noncommittal. As he expressed it: "The evidence accumulated up to the present date regarding diet as a factor is conflicting and unconvincing. Diet may or may not be at fault, and I am not prepared to express a definite opinion on this subject."

Many Leads Developed.

Dr. Mann's researches have developed many leads, but when one theory seems to have been given the greatest encouragement it is destroyed. The disease would seem to be nearer to beri-beri than any other for the way the feet are affected.

name Doctor Mann has called it pseudo beri-beri.

On the theory that prison diet brings about a greater manifestation during incarceration of Haitians than elsewhere, the gendarmerie doctors, under the direction of Doctor Mann, have conducted extensive dietary experiments. The reports show that diet variation has produced no marked beneficial results either as a curative or preventive. This has destroyed a theory that war edema, prevalent in prison camps, due to faulty nourishment, has a relation to pseudo beri-beri.

As rice, the cause of true beri-beri, is not used to any degree in the prison food here, the American doctors have endeavored to find a similar lack of vitamins in cornmeal, a base of the ordinary Haitian diet. Experiments to date have given no conclusive answer.

The institutional incidence of the Haitian disease or its tendency to appear in epidemic form and to affect certain institutions, suggested the nature of an infective agent. At one time the bedbug was under suspicion. Numerous blood cultures and cultures from autopsical finds, animal inoculation and the like, have produced only either negative or inconsistent results, says the medical chief of the gendarmerie.

Malady Decreases.

On one occasion five hospital corpsmen from the gendarmerie (natives) volunteered to be bitten by bedbugs which had been fed on patients with the disease. One of these volunteers developed dropsy six weeks later, but this dropsy was attributed to other causes, and the experiment was regarded as negative.

The prevalence of the malady has shown a progressive decrease during the last three months, but whether this is due to measures taken by Doctor Mann and his staff can be determined only after further study and careful investigation. The American naval surgeon explained that he is careful not to accept false encouragements because of the tendency of the disease to subside altogether in certain institutions and then suddenly crop out anew with more serious results than ever.

Col. Frederick M. Wise, United States marine corps, commanding the Gendarmerie d'Haiti, and Col. John Russell, commanding the First Marine brigade in Haiti, have shown great interest in Doctor Mann's fight to locate the cause and combat Haiti's disease. They have given all possible assistance and placed the entire line of research unhampered under his direction.

The beneficent and altruistic labor of Doctor Mann and his medical staff is one of many compensating factors in what appears to be a muddled situation in Haiti today. There is a work for humanity in the strictest sense.

Undoubtedly the United States public health service and the Rockefeller institute would take a certain interest in the strange disease. Doctor Mann hopes, however, with the co-operation of such institutions and with the utilization of such additional facilities, that the results of sustained efforts will serve to eradicate a scourge that kills such an appalling number of Haitians every year.

So far as known, Haiti's mysterious disease never has affected a white man.

Man Keeps Green Prospective Grave

New Carlisle, Pa.—There's a newly-made grave in New Carlisle cemetery.

No mourners with bowed heads stood by when it was made. No minister said "earth to earth and dust to dust." No flowers bedecked the casket.

But the man who will rest in the grave some day carefully heaped up the little mound and as carefully placed the little squares of sod in place. The grave is empty—waiting until death lays its hand on the man who prepared it.

J. Herwert Day, 60 years old, well known citizen and music teacher, being the last member of his family, ordered the caretaker to prepare the grave, construct the stone vault for receiving the casket, place the broad stone over it and refill the grave. This was done, after which Day himself heaped up "the little mound of clay," and placed the sod upon it.

WILL TEACH COWS TO POSE

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Louisville.—B. R. Parrish, a specialist in the art of selecting, fitting and breeding prize winning Jersey cattle, is to open a unique school near Anchorage, Ky.

Among the queer stunts will be a course in teaching cows how to pose, according to Parrish. To induce a cow to look its best, he asserted, in itself is a difficult task and yet quite necessary for ribbon-taking purposes.

A cow is plentifully supplied with curiosity, and will watch a traveler along the road as far as he is in sight, but in some respects a self-conscious creature, and it takes a great deal of training and encouragement to get it to hold its head high and obtain even the semblance of the graceful arch seen in the necks of blue ribbon winners.



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BULLETIN OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Composed by Students Attending the Decatur High Schools

Locals.

Bro. Ward gave us an interesting chapel talk Wednesday. We want him to come back.

J. P. is sick. Cupid won't let him alone, and she, the girl, was unkind to him last trip.

Thelma Petty and Mary Frances Bennett visited in Fort Worth during the holidays. Both report a splendid time.

Basketball will be in full force next week. Good material to pick from. Don't fail to see us play—we are in to win!

Mr. Bailey, superintendent of Alvord schools, visited our school on Thursday. We are always glad to welcome visitors.

LaVelle F. Hicks, a real humorous entertainer, will be here January 12. Every citizen come to this program—we think and believe it worth your while!

Don't fail to hear the concert that is coming to Decatur soon. This is one of the best programs Decatur has been able to secure for some time. Watch for the date, and come.

We regret very much that the holidays were made sad for one of our faculty, Miss Plaxco, by the death of the father, and we wish to extend sympathy to her in her hour of sadness.

"Polka Dots," alias Candler Kidd, and "Doc," his brother, tell us they will move to Greenville. "Polka Dots" was a faithful McB. and ever fought for the right of the tribe. We'll miss him? I'll say we sure will! Kidd brothers, we wish you good luck!

Well, we're back to work after one week of holidays. Everybody reports a good time and a willingness to work after pleasure. We want to begin the new year so that if there be any truth in the old adage "what you do on new year's day, you'll do all the year," we will be on the working side. "We're what we make ourselves."

Mr. Guinn Williams, senator of this district, spoke to us on the word "Success." Its meaning and how to obtain success. We agree with him on his definition, and thank him for the instructive talk that he made. The following is his definition of success: "Boys and girls' success doesn't mean ability to merely make money, for there are many who make it by unfair means. Success is the ability to help."

and to be an asset rather than a pest. Take nothing unfairly—be truthful, honest and upright, and when you have reached man's allotment of three score and ten years—if you can look back over your life and see that you have helped some one who needed help, lifted some weaker one from the ruts and have been active for the good of all men—then, you have in a measure lived a successful life." This advice will cling to us and help us make good. We wish he would visit us often and advise us more.

MUCH GOOD BEING DONE BY W. C. T. U.

Since the last notes Decatur union of the W. C. T. U. has packed and sent to the Berracha home at Arlington value at \$40.

This is the second such box sent by this union since summer. It is the aim, however, of the organization to send to the above mentioned home a miscellaneous box once each quarter.

Twenty-four comfort bags, each containing a Bible, needles, pins, soap, bath cloth, thread and buttons, were packed and mailed to the boys on the border. These bags were valued at one dollar each.

Now I have given the money valuation of articles sent away by the W. C. T. U. for the reason that many people prefer to know how each dollar is used. You will quickly see that the organization is not a "moneys" one. But invest a few dollars in it and you can, at least, expect to hear from your investment again.

Since the enactment of the eighth amendment the W. C. T. U. expects to work constantly for enforcement of the prohibition.

In these notes from time to time mention has been made of the several causes for which the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is working. Perhaps none of the many appeals to the red-blooded American is so touching as "Child Welfare" and "Americanism."

The people of Detroit, Michigan, which geographically speaking is a great center for foreign born Americans, have been much impressed with the work of the W. C. T. U. in establishing in that city a "Child-Mother" center. Right in the section of the city where it can be of the greatest help the center has been put into operation. Here come the foreign mothers with their home problems, seeking advice and sympathy. Here they bring their children when well to be taught American ways; when they are sick for advice from the physician. A nurse instructs them how to better the home environment and how to provide a more sanitary and healthful influence upon the children of the home. In fact, every thing is done for the foreign child which will help him to be a happier, more useful, a more thorough American!

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are stocked with cattle, but of late a considerable number of Holsteins also have been purchased.

Decatur Has Diversification.
 The town of Decatur is situated on the dividing line in the county between the black and the sandy land. The black belt lies to the east and produces wheat, oats, corn and small grain, while the sandy loam to the west produces melons, peanuts, berries, cantaloupes, fruit and garden truck. The melon growers' association of the county will handle next year's crop and the acreage will be increased on account of the better facilities offered for disposition of the crop.

Wise county farmers make a specialty of high-grade hogs. The favorites are Poland Chinas, Duroc-Jerseys and Burkschires. Chickens, turkeys and guineas thrive and multiply in this locality, as the surroundings are favorable to their growth. One farmer brings enough eggs to town to more than pay for all the groceries he buys and another sells more chickens, eggs and butter than his groceries cost him. Needless to say, this class of farmer worries but little about the price of cotton. Many cotton raisers of Wise county were of course hurt last fall, as they were in other counties, and the banks may have been inconvenienced to some extent. They were, however, taught a wholesome lesson, and it is stated that the 1921 cotton acreage will be greatly reduced thruout this county and attention will be concentrated on diversification.

Decatur is only forty miles from Fort Worth, but its altitude is about twice as great as that of the Tarrant county town—being more than 1,300 feet above sea level. On account of the altitude, pure water supply and other advantages. Decatur ranks as one of the healthiest towns of West Texas. The inhabitants are not only robust, but they usually live to a ripe old age. Mrs. E. C. Terrell, one of the first settlers of the county, is now 88 years old, commonly known as the mother of Decatur, is still living and is in good health. Her husband, Samuel Terrell, came to the locality when buffalo abounded and Indians still roamed the plains. At first Decatur was a cow town and the gateway to all the territory westward as far as the state line. The Fort Worth & Denver City railway had not been built and supplies were freighted thru from Dallas and elsewhere. The town was on the edge of the famous Waggoner ranch of the plains country and the Dan Waggoner residence, which is still standing and in first-class condition, was built here. It is of stone and is a large and imposing structure overlooking the railway station. John Waggoner, a nephew of the family, now has a ranch in the locality, but during the last few years made a fortune in oil near Wichita Falls and at present, with associates, is engaged in drilling a test well a mile southwest of Decatur which is down 2,500 feet and has made a good showing of both gas and oil. Many are of the opinion that a gusher will be brought in before the operations are concluded. The derrick is on a spot selected by the same geologists who located the site for the noted Waggoner well near Wichita Falls and these experts demonstrated that they knew their business.

Oil Fields Promising.
 While the people of Wise county are not unduly excited over oil development a number of test wells are being drilled at various points.

Other deep test wells in Wise county are as follows: Two at Bridgeport, one at Chico, one at Alvord, one at Sunset, one at Boyd and a company to drill still another is being organized at Boonsville.

Educational facilities in this county are of a high order. In addition to the public school, the town of Decatur Baptist College, of which J. L. Ward is president

are stocked with cattle, but of late a considerable number of Holsteins also have been purchased.
 Dennis P. Ratliff, Decatur lawyer, is the private secretary to Senator Williams. Mrs. Williams is spending the winter here.

WISE COUNTY OIL FORMATIONS FINE

A recent visit to the Breckenridge, Ranger and Young county oil fields convinced the representatives of the oil companies in the Decatur district that they are drilling in one of the most promising fields in Texas. The formations encountered in Wise county are identically like the formations in the big producing oil fields. The logs of the best producing wells in the other fields were examined, and it is stated that these logs are the same made by the wells in the Decatur district.

It is believed by the best informed and most successful drillers in the state that the pay sand will be hit in this section around 3,200 and 4,000 feet.

SAYS HIGH HEELS AS BAD AS BOOZE

Chicago, Jan. 11.—The use of high heels is just as much a crime as the use of alcohol, said Dr. W. E. Elfrink, secretary of the Illinois Osteopathic Association, which convened today. "High heels cause back-ache, deform the feet, knees and back, they flatten the chest and create a predisposition to tuberculosis; they tip the body out of equilibrium and promote race suicide."

The osteopaths hope to enlist women's clubs, school teachers and all organizations interested in health in their crusade, and plan a law forbidding the wearing of high heels, effective in five years. This would enable shoe merchants to dispose of the stocks on hand.

has the distinction of being one of the two Baptist colleges in Texas which are self-sustaining. Also it is out of debt. The enrollment at present consists of about 300 boys and girls. The college is twenty-five years old and it is claimed that it has furnished more orators and debaters to Baylor University than any other junior college in the state. Credit for this achievement is given to the literary societies of the school, which are maintained in a flourishing condition.

Many Hunters There.
 Hunters from the cities have been flocking to Wise county since December 1. Quail are plentiful and it is claimed that a man with a dog can kill the limit in half a day. Quail flourish here for the same reason that chickens and turkeys thrive. There is plenty of grain, water and cover. It is not uncommon for a covey of quail to use the same range with a flock of turkeys and sometimes they affiliate. W. W. Boyd, an insurance man of Decatur, who occasionally hunts quail, vouches for the following:

On the farm of J. C. Gage, a few miles from Decatur, a quail hen laid an egg last spring in a turkey's nest. It was hatched in due time with the brood of turkeys and remained with them until it grew to maturity. At present it is a full grown bird and not only roosts with the turkeys, but spends the days with them on the range and comes up with them at night or when they are fed. It is not quite as tame as the turkeys, however, and when frightened by a dog or person will take to wing and is absent for a time, but always finds its way back to the hen which hatched it.

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MESSENGER NOTES OF 20 YEARS AGO

From Messenger, Jan. 18, 1901.

Miss Glen Halsell has returned from Denison.

Miss May Archer is visiting in the city from Denison.

Cotton receipts at this point-up to last Saturday were about 6,100 bales, nearly double the total receipts last season.

The opening of the Baptist college since Christmas is very gratifying. All the boarders except one have returned.

C. A. Milligan, after a protracted illness of more than three months, died at his home in this city Sunday evening. His remains were taken on Tuesday to Collin county for interment. He was a member of the well known ginning firm of Milligan Bros., of this place and Greenwood. He was a man of sterling worth and a good citizen.

We are informed that Silas Hornback has leased the Summit hotel.

S. A. Lillard is remodeling the old Lillard & Lane store room, adding a half floor and opening windows on the south side. The upper floor will be used for millinery, etc.

S. B. Hovey and J. E. Mitchell of Fort Worth, and C. C. Cates of Bridgeport, were here Tuesday to attend the annual meeting of the Wise County Coal Co.

George W. Flannigan, late of Lillard Banking Co. of this place, was married Tuesday to Miss Birdie E. Brown of Henrietta.

C. H. Miller spent Christmas week with relatives in Bonham.

Mrs. S. A. Lillard and son, Zack, left Tuesday for Houston to visit Dr. Zack Lillard of that city.

Miss Lillie Loyd of Greenwood was shopping in town Tuesday.

Miss Eva Hayes returned this week from a visit to Dallas.

The Denver depot at this place is being remodeled and repainted.

Mrs. J. B. Rhine of St. Louis has rented the millinery department at the old Mississippi store stand.

Married, at Dallas, Wednesday, January 16, Bishop Garrett of the Episcopal church officiating, B. B. Sellars and Miss Myra Thompson.

A fire Tuesday evening destroyed a barn in the northwest part of the city, owned by Mrs. Cargill.

Thirty-five Years Ago

From Messenger, May 8, 1886.

Our friend, Dennis Paschall of Aurora, pleasantly called on us Tuesday.

Bro. R. M. Collins of the Post, paid us a fraternal call on Wednesday of this week.

Nearly everybody wants to run our new press when they come in to see us.

Rev. J. B. Dabney, an old friend of the Messenger, was a pleasant caller this week.

Mrs. Rainey wife of J. S. Rainey, died in the city on Tuesday night of this week.

The teachers and pupils of the Decatur high school are hurrying up preparations for an exhibition at the close of the present term. It is said they will have the exhibition in the Cates opera house.

Gov. Throckmorton declines to be a candidate for congress at the next election.

Denton gives \$20,000 and the right-of-way to get the Atcheson, Topeka & Santa Fe. The Alliance mill, Judge Carroll and others give \$1,000 each.

Sheriff Mann returned from the "Beautiful Indian Territory" Wednesday.

J. A. Weakley of the firm of Ford, Weakley & Johnston, gave us a call Wednesday.

In pursuant to call a large assembly of citizens gathered at the courthouse Monday evening. L. A. Crane was appointed chairman, and R. M. Collins, secretary. The meeting was addressed by Col. D. A. Holman, Chas. Soward and R. M. Collins, setting forth the necessity of Wise county building a tap road to connect with the Santa Fe east.

Rev. J. O. McClurkin gave us a hurried call on last Monday. He is taking the religious census of the city.

Local option carried in Rusk county by two-thirds majority.

You can get barb-wire and sorghum mills on time at Lillard & Co.

Col. F. M. Houts has gone north to purchase an increase to his already large herd of herefords.

In a way getting married is a good deal with using the telephone. You don't always get the party you want. —Ness City (Kans.) News.

Kissing a girl is somewhat like getting action on a bottle of olives: After you get one, the rest come easy.

First Baptist Church

A training school for christian workers began at the Baptist church last Sunday, and is to continue till Friday night. The school is in charge of Dr. Boone of Dallas, who is director of religious work for Baptists, among students of Baptist and state schools of Texas. Courses are being given in Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work and Dr. Boone is being assisted by Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Brown from A. & M. College at Bryan, Miss. Lucie T. Sprecher, who is a specialist in junior work, from Dallas, and Miss Edna Belle O'Neal, who is representative of the Baptists in religious work among the students in the state and denominational schools at San Marcos.

The ladies of the church serve lunch at the church building each evening at 6:30, and classes are held before and after lunch. The same courses are being given at the church and at the college, and aside from the big class of about fifty juniors, something like seventy-five people are taking one or more of the courses.

Dr. Boone preached to a full house at both hours for public worship last Sunday, and there were three additions to the church during the day. The pastor will preach next Sunday morning, and at night a special service will be held in commemoration of the adoption of the prohibition amendment to the constitution. This service will be held under the auspices of the local W. C. T. U.

The presence of the public at any of our services is always appreciated. —R. E. BELL, Pastor.

Notice by Publication

The state of Texas, county of Wise.

In Probate Court.

The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county, greeting:—

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper of general circulation published in said county, at least once a week for ten consecutive days before the return day hereof, the following notice:

The state of Texas. To all persons interested in the estate of C. L. McCullough, deceased. F. M. Yauger has filed in the county court of Wise county, an application for the probate of the last will and testament of said C. L. McCullough, deceased, filed with said application, and for letters testamentary of the estate of C. L. McCullough, deceased, which said proceeding will be heard by said court on the 4th day of April, 1921, at the court house of said county, in Decatur, Texas, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal, at Decatur, Texas, this 11th day of January, 1921. —CARL FAITH, clerk of County Court, Wise county, Texas. (Jas.)

Denver sheriff is not so bad, after all. He gets them and loses them. Our sheriff does not get them at all. —Buffalo Express.

Valuable Ships on Ocean's Bottom.

To consider only a few of the more valuable ships now lying at the bottom of the ocean one might turn to the Irish sea first of all. Off the north coast there are the California, Lagartie, Tuscania and Audacious, while to the south there are the Lusitania, Arabic, Folio, Hesperian and Anglo-Columbia. In the Bristol channel lie the steamers Falaba, Glenart Castle, Armenian and Mantola, and off Plymouth are the Afric, La Negra and Formidable. At the entrance to the English channel there are many important wrecks, including the Laconia, Ohio, Kansas and Kleber. There are still more valuable hulls and cargoes in the southern waters of the North sea, including the three battleships, Aboukir, Cressy and Hogue, off Yarmouth.

Improved Plating Process.

In a new plating process, iron sheets, for instance, are given a strongly adherent coating of copper from the application of a metallic varnish followed by heating. The varnish for the copper deposit on iron is made of about four pounds of pulverized copper oxide and four pounds of copper in one gallon of crude oil. The coating is applied by heavy iron rolls, and the painted plates are heated in a furnace, when the oil is volatilized, the oxide reduced, and the metallic copper fused to the iron. The process is adapted also to rods, tubes and other shapes.

Cat's Long Journey.

A reader at Comox, B. C., writes the Montreal Herald that, "Mr. Pley of Cumberland, moved to Victoria. Among his belongings was a lovely Persian cat. The cat's young mistress died with the flu, and the cat, missing the young lady, found its way back to Cumberland, a distance of 150 miles. It was first discovered in the window of the drug store which had been owned by Mr. Pley."

Ladybirds Save Fruit.

Ladybirds (or ladybugs), have a high cash value in California, where they devour the cushion scale, one of the orange tree enemies. They are found in great bright-colored masses in mountain canyons, and can be scooped up in double handfuls. Carloads are sometimes shipped to the melon and fruit growers, and \$50 a day has been made in collecting them.

Russians Prefer Old Currency.

In spite of the great changes of government in Russia, the old car ruble is still in circulation. Nobody knows who has the plates, but the stuff is still being printed and is always welcomed by the peasant in preference to the new currencies, which he does not trust.

Aviators' Fatal Error.

Traveling 12,000 feet high, a Finnish officer and Italian aviator ran into a snowy icy peak, probably mistaking it for a white cloud. Their frozen bodies were discovered last week, a month after their death.

Some believe in dreams and others marry them.

THE MATTER?

When farmers receive such low prices for their products it becomes a question as to whether or not they will raise more than merely enough for their own use, and yet city dwellers are forced to pay exorbitant prices for these same products, it is evident to any sane person that there is something radically wrong with our system of distribution.

When southern cotton planters become desperate because they can not sell their cotton crops for enough to pay the cost of production and marketing, and yet northern people are paying high prices for cotton goods, we are again inclined to the belief that there is a gentleman of color lurking somewhere in the woodpile.

Everyone is expecting the city laborer and the skilled mechanic to voluntarily accept a reduction in pay in order that prices may be brought down to normal. Many of them are accepting such reductions but they continue to pay high prices at the stores for the clothing that they wear and for the food they eat.

Manufacturing prices are being reduced, but wholesalers and retailers are not making proportionate reductions. They are persistently endeavoring to grasp every penny in sight. That at least is the situation in the cities, and city conditions are reflected to a certain extent in every town and hamlet in the country.

It is hopeless to appeal to patriotism or the spirit of fair play. Neither is promiscuous by its presence in the average counting room.

There remains, then, nothing but law—stern and inflexible.

The new congress should make this one of its first duties.

A law should be passed imposing a heavy jail penalty for anything in the nature of profiteering.

If necessary, the law should require that the wholesale prices be plainly marked on every article of merchandise that is sold at retail.

The honest merchant who is satisfied with a fair profit could find no just cause for complaint. It would even work to his advantage.

The profiteer would turn heaven and earth to prevent the enactment of such a law.

And that, to our mind, would be the greatest argument in its favor.—Exchange.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES

The Yanks are about to wind up the watch on the Rhine.—Washington Post.

Don't court trouble. Court your wife instead.—Springdale (Wash.) Reformer.

It may avail nothing, but there's no harm in wishing a man a Happy New Year.—Lexington Leader.

Vincent Astor had a narrow escape. The fender of his car was badly bent.—Mobile Register.

It must be hard to have such a large income that one can't pay the tax on it.—El Paso Herald.

It looks as if Niagara Falls might be the first part of the Canadian border to go dry.—Boston Herald.

Some people are so slow they wouldn't make good palbearers.—Rocky Mountain Mirror, Denver.

Conceit is not fatal until a man be-

Decatur Methodists in church Sunday night raised five hundred dollars in fifteen minutes for the suffering people of Europe. When you hit a Methodist's heart his pocket-book flies open.

The Tishomingo, Oklahoma, Capital-Democrat man spent the holidays in Texas. We thought there was a "corner" being run on the tuff during the yuletide season. We didn't get our share.

It is going to take \$50,000 of the people's money to stage the inauguration ceremonies for Mr. Harding. We would agree to expend less than half that amount for the privilege of being inaugurated president.

Reports say that Tom P. Gore is going back to Oklahoma and later on he will make an effort to "come back." If the Oklahoma people are wise to their political interests they will see that Thomas makes a dismal failure of the stunt.

To protect the morals of boys and girls the city council of Merkel has passed an ordinance establishing a curfew under which boys and girls under sixteen years old, unless accompanied by parents or guardian, must get off the streets by 8:30 p. m.

A gay old thing, about sixty-some-odd years of age, got extremely frisky with a dashing damsel in Dallas the other night while they were strolling in the city, and now the old fellow is no more. The damsel shot him, and she states that he wanted to hug her. The old scout evidently was slow, employing tactics long since out of date.

You had nothing to do with choosing your ancestors—hence you are not to blame for your kinfolk. But you can choose your friends and associates—therefore your future is in your hands, and you only are to blame for your life from here on out. Choose the wrong crowd, do not choose respectable people for neglected you in the social and business world.

As Messenger predicted after sizing up the situation, the next postmaster in this good town of Decatur will be a republican. And just think, how long ago we had "assurance" that a good democrat would succeed the good democrat, J. H. Cates, who has tendered his resignation. Well, it won't be so bad if a good republican, if there be such an animal, is appointed.

It will be remembered that when the gangsters were framing up to dispatch Captain Jules Caesar across the Styx, some wise one in the bunch suggested that their deed would get them more substantial recognition if they would enlist the aid of a few old scouts in the army who had some standing with the people. In this good day of politics, the crooked politician deals some respectable goodwinking some good man's friendship.

First State Bank

at Slidell, Texas.
At Close of Business Dec. 29, 1920

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$28,938 88
Overdrafts.....	222 22
Bonds and stocks.....	6,900 00
Real estate (bk'g house).....	750 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	935 00
Due from other banks and bankers, and cash on hand.....	5,616 32
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund.....	1,041 93
Acceptances and bills of exchange.....	4,756 03
TOTAL.....	\$49,220 38

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$10,000 00
Surplus fund.....	5,000 00
Undivided profits, net.....	935 41
Individual deposits, subject to check.....	25,777 84
Cashier's checks.....	5 75
Bills payable and rediscounts.....	7,500 00
Other liabilities.....	1 38
TOTAL.....	\$49,220 38

State of Texas, county of Wise.
We, J. P. Turner, as vice-president, and S. B. Powell, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.—J. P. TURNER, Vice-president. S. B. POWELL, Cashier.
CORRECT—Attest: J. W. BRYANT, A. R. DRAKE, J. P. TURNER, Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of January, A. D. 1921.—E. P. GIBSON, Notary Public, of Wise county, Texas.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

Paradise State Bank

at Paradise, Texas.
At Close of Business Dec. 29, 1920

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$93,914 92
Overdrafts.....	298 97
Bonds and stocks.....	4,200 00
Real estate (bk'g house).....	2,500 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	850 00
Due from other banks and bankers, and cash on hand.....	11,978 31
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund.....	964 72
Expenses paid.....	2,101 94
TOTAL.....	\$116,808 86

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$25,000 00
Individual deposits, subject to check.....	78,871 06
Time certificates of deposit.....	6,588 50
Cashier's checks.....	1,548 72
Exchange account.....	12 55
Interest account.....	4,788 03
TOTAL.....	\$116,808 86

State of Texas, county of Wise.
We, Guinn Williams, as president, and W. A. Green, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.—GUINN WILLIAMS, President. W. A. GREEN, Cashier.
CORRECT—Attest: J. H. GO-LAZ, S. S. SPARKS, O. L. HARTSELL, Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of January, A. D. 1921.—E. P. GIBSON, Notary Public, of Wise county, Texas.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

Security State Bank

at Decatur, Texas.
At Close of Business Dec. 29, 1920

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$98,759 59
Bonds and stocks.....	10,550 00
War Savings Stamps.....	3,375 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	11,698 82
Due from other banks and bankers, and cash on hand.....	24,564 13
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund.....	450 00
Assessment depositors' guaranty fund.....	1,350 00
Acceptances and bills of exchange.....	2,253 01
Other resources.....	506 29
TOTAL.....	\$153,506 84

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$60,000 00
Individual deposits, subject to check.....	70,391 23
Time certificates of deposit.....	6,007 40
Cashier's checks.....	3,233 15
Bonds deposited.....	10,500 00
U. S. War Saving Stamps deposited.....	3,375 00
TOTAL.....	\$153,506 84

State of Texas, county of Wise.
We, W. L. Rush, as president, and J. E. Standley, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.—W. L. RUSH, President. J. E. STANDLEY, Cashier.
CORRECT—Attest: G. G. NEILSON, F. P. TIMBERLAKE, J. H. ROWAN, Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of January, A. D. 1921.—HARRY H. GOSPE, Notary Public, of Wise county, Texas.

RICH BENEFITS
There is not a single reason why you should deny yourself the benefits of rich, nourishing
Scott's Emulsion
Far better than alcoholic tonics or medicines, every drop of Scott's contributes to strength and better health.
Scott & Borne, Bloomfield, N. J. 20-10

First State Bank

at Newark, Texas.
At Close of Business Dec. 29, 1920

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$56,129 60
Overdrafts.....	1,585 17
Bonds and stocks.....	12,600 00
Real estate (bk'g house).....	1,100 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,347 50
Due from other banks and bankers, and cash on hand.....	11,899 30
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund.....	750 53
Assessment depositors' guaranty fund.....	10 63
TOTAL.....	\$85,422 73

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$10,000 00
Surplus fund.....	11,500 00
Undivided profits, net.....	489 74
Individual deposits, subject to check.....	44,468 78
Time certificates of deposit.....	8,821 65
Cashier's checks.....	92 56
Bonds deposited.....	10,050 00
TOTAL.....	\$85,422 73

State of Texas, county of Wise.
We, R. A. Hudson, as president, and W. H. Doyle, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.—R. A. HUDSON, President. W. H. DOYLE, Cashier.
CORRECT—Attest: M. H. HARMON, W. M. KOONCE, G. W. DUKE, Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, A. D. 1921.—I. J. WREN, Notary Public, of Wise county, Texas.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

First State Bank

at Park Springs, Texas.
At Close of Business Dec. 29, 1920

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$36,601 69
Overdrafts.....	90 74
Bonds and stocks.....	300 00
Real estate (bk'g house).....	1,200 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,000 00
Due from other banks and bankers, and cash on hand.....	19,866 61
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund.....	579 27
Assessment depositors' guaranty fund.....	15 06
Acceptances and bills of exchange.....	2,680 84
TOTAL.....	\$62,334 21

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$10,000 00
Surplus fund.....	5,000 00
Undivided profits, net.....	406 67
Individual deposits, subject to check.....	45,828 22
Time certificates of deposit.....	1,000 00
Cashier's checks.....	99 32
TOTAL.....	\$62,334 21

State of Texas, county of Wise.
We, Jno. B. Hunt, as president, and J. A. Giles, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.—JNO. B. HUNT, President. J. A. GILES, Cashier.
CORRECT—Attest: JAMES M. JAMES, C. E. BROWN, J. M. HUCKABEE, Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of January, A. D. 1921.—T. J. MOSS, Notary Public, Montague county, Texas.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

Continental State Bank

at Boyd, Texas.
At Close of Business Dec. 29, 1920

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$105,707 26
Overdrafts.....	286 13
Bonds and stocks.....	30,800 00
Real estate (bk'g house).....	1,830 00
Furniture and fixtures.....	2,008 57
Due from other banks and bankers, and cash on hand.....	17,352 91
Interest in depositors' guaranty fund.....	2,149 22
Assessment depositors' guaranty fund.....	67 21
U. S. Cert. of Ind.....	22,000 00
TOTAL.....	\$182,201 36

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$25,000 00
Surplus fund.....	8,000 00
Undivided profits, net.....	3,019 66
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check.....	735 98
Individual deposits, subject to check.....	104,494 41
Time certificates of deposit.....	5,044 90
Cashier's checks.....	256 41
Bills payable and rediscounts.....	5,000 00
Bonds deposited.....	30,650 00
TOTAL.....	\$182,201 36

State of Texas, county of Wise.
We, W. M. Koonce, as president, and R. E. Petty, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.—W. M. KOONCE, President. R. E. PETTY, Cashier.
CORRECT—Attest: G. A. ARINGTON, E. R. WRIGHT, W. R. BOYD, Directors.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of January, A. D. 1921.—I. J. WREN, Notary Public, Wise county, Texas.

How to Tell Bark of Fox.
The bark of the gray fox can readily be distinguished from that of the red one, being more husky, fainter and thinner, says the American Forestry Magazine. It is heard principally in the spring during the mating season.

A Big Drop
in
JELLO
2 packages
for
25¢

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Is conducted on a high plane, where you can get what you want to eat at prices that are in keeping with the times. Your patronage will be appreciated, and we will endeavor, by giving first-class service, to merit it. The Manhattan closes at 12 p. m. and opens at 5 a. m.

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EVERY MONDAY.....

If you Have headaches, bad vision, eye strain or your glasses are not correctly fitted, call to see me every Monday at Decatur Jewelry Store. "My glasses satisfy."

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of Dallas

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Only All-Home-Print Paper in Wise County

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In Wise County Homes

Collins & Smith, Editors

TEXAS—LAND OF CACTUS AND WILD CATS!



Texas occupies all the continent of North America, except the small part set aside for the United States and Canada. Texas owns the north of the Rio Grande, the only dusty river in the world; also the only one with the possible exception of the Trinity, which is navigable for mud cats and pedestrians. Texas is bounded on the north by twenty-five or thirty states, on the east by all the oceans in the world except the Pacific, and on the south by the Gulf of Mexico and South America, and on the west by the Pacific ocean, and milky way and the side real universe.

If Texas were chopped off loose from the rest of the United States at the Panhandle it would float out into the ocean, as it rests upon a vast subterranean sea of fresh water. Texas is so big that the people of Brownsville call the Decatur people Yankees and the citizens of El Paso sneer at the citizens of Decatur as being snobs from the effete east. It is about 150 miles further from El Paso to Texas than it is from Chicago to New York; Fort Worth is nearer to St. Paul, Minnesota than it is to Brownsville. The chief occupation of the people of Texas is trying to keep from making all the money in world. The chief pursuit of the people of Texas was formerly Mexicans. But now it is land buyers, steers and Texas crop records. The United States with Texas off would look like a three-legged Boston terrier. Texas is so proud of Texas that know.

the people cannot sleep at night. If a Texan's head should be opened the map of Texas would be found printed on the brain. This is also true of the heart. Unless your front gate is eighteen miles from your front door, you do not belong to society as constituted in Texas. Mrs. King's gate is one hundred and fifty miles from her front door and she is thinking of moving her house back so that she will not be annoyed by passing automobiles and peddlers. Other Texas families have whole mountain ranges and rivers on their ranches. One Texan has forty miles of navigable water on his farm. If the proportion of cultivated land in Texas were the same as Illinois, the value of Texas crops would be equal to that of the other forty-seven states. Texas has enough land to supply every man, woman and child in the whole world with a tract of five feet by twenty feet and have enough left over for the armies of the world to march around the border five abreast. Texas grows enough alfalfa, which if baled and built into a stairway, would reach to the pearly gates. If all the hogs in Texas were one hog, he would be able to dig the Panama canal in three roots. If all the Texas steers were one steer, he could stand with his front feet in the Gulf of Mexico, one hind foot in the Hudson Bay, the other in the Arctic ocean, and with his horns punch holes in the moon, and with his tail brush off the Aurora Borealis. If all the cotton raised in Texas annually were made in one mattress, all the people in the world could take a nap at one time. Texas is rightly named the garden of the Lord. The giraffe has a long neck so he can feed from the trees, and maybe the trees grow high so the giraffe can feed from them, which proves that there are lots of things about natural history and botany we don't

of Fort Worth, was in the city Sunday. Mrs. Maggie Maddox of Weist, California, who has been visiting her father, M. T. Oates, has returned to her home.

B. Bobo made a business trip to Fort Friday.

Shaw has returned from Waxahachie.

Mrs. Mollie Beard and Miss Mary Ford of Dallas, have been visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Frank Cox and children of Marion, Ohio, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sparks.

Mr. Mrs. J. C. Long and family spent last week-end with relatives at Plano.

Miss Ozella Hammock of Childress, succeeds J. A. Fox as operator for the F. W. & D. C. railroad.

Misses Lena Rickman, Gable Sue Carpenter and Velma Carpenter spent Saturday in Fort Worth.

Billie Hudnall is visiting friends in Dimmitt.

Mmes. W. W. Layfield and W. L. Russell were in Decatur Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cress Stewart of Fort Worth, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Barker last week.

Mrs. N. E. Stevenson is visiting relatives in Fort Worth.

Miss Omadell Sparks was guest of friends in Decatur last week.

Clyde Bradford is home after a short visit with friends and relatives in Crawford.

Mmes. E. A. Wright and Forrest Stevenson were shopping in Decatur today.

Gladys Douglas of Fort Worth, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. C. Douglas.

Mmes. Newton and O. H. Barker were in Fort Worth last Thursday.

Miss Alta McGee of Fort Worth, is visiting Mrs. S. D. Handley.

Mrs. C. B. Hoyl of Decatur, spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ones Finlayson.

News from Bridgeport.
(Index.)

Floyd H. Helm has about recovered from the injury sustained by being knocked down and run over by an auto a few weeks ago.

Construction is being made for better work on a new brick plant expected that everything in readiness for the manufacturing by the first of April.

Mr. H. L. Newton and Miss Olive Hall were united in marriage by Rev. M. H. Reed at his home in this city last Sunday. These young people reside in the Thomas community, and are popular with all who know them. The index joins their numerous friends in extending congratulations.

Many farmers are busy turning the soil and making other preparations for bumper crops this year. From the present outlook the acreage in cotton will be reduced materially and diversified farming will receive a greater impetus than ever before. However, a few cotton farmers, who are "set in their ways" will cling to cotton as their only hope of salvation from want.

Miss Margaret Black was painfully bruised about the shoulders last Thursday when an automobile driven by Drew Campbell and filled with young people returning from the pool building ran into a ditch. The steering wheel did not work properly and the car became unmanageable. Margaret was the only one of the party injured and she has almost fully recovered. "It might have been worse."

Mr. W. M. Chambers and Miss Ida Brown drove up to the home of Rev. M. H. Reed Tuesday and were married and wife. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown.

One of Bridgeport's most popular young ladies, having lived practically all her life, she is now and universally acknowledged as the representative of the business world. She occupies an important position in the city headquarters at which city the newly-weds will make their home.

Cottonwood

Some rain in this week.

of this place, has listed this week, but at this writing.

of Fort Worth, Sunday with relatives of this community.

the people at this literary society at night. All enjoyed same.

leman spent Tuesday with Effie Harris.

fell off a horse and has been as a result.

of the Cottonwood Saturday night folks.

spent Sunday at the park of Gar-

in the sick attend the

There was quite a crowd that attended Sunday school Sunday. After Sunday school, Bro. Wilson filled his regular appointment with a good sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. James entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night. All reported a jolly time.

There was singing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Patton Sunday night. All enjoyed the good singing.

Miss Zelma Lambert spent an enjoyable day with Miss Willie Cryer Sunday.

Mr. Lee Cox and son, Fred, were McKinney visitors the latter part of the week.

Miss Birdie Wilson visited Miss Artie Smith Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Leake and little daughter, Virginia, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Taylor Sunday.

Little Elmer Crabtree, who was severely injured when a horse threw him Xmas, is reported to be recovering nicely.

Mr. J. B. Garrett made a business trip to Denton last week.

Mr. Floyd Brooks of Sherman, who recently moved to that place from here, is back on a visit. We are all glad to see him.

Mr. Clyde Parrish was in Decatur Saturday.

Walter Pitts, Truss Syler and Miss Katherine Ramsey were guests of Miss Alma Garrett Sunday afternoon.

Misses Ethel and Clara Moore of the Sweetwater community, were Allison visitors Sunday.

Little Miss Mary Belle Parrish spent last week with her grandmother, who lives near Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Thomas has moved to this place from Denton county. We are glad to welcome them in our midst.

Mr. E. V. Castleberry has returned home from an extensive Christmas visit to his parents, who live near Athens, Texas.

NEWS FROM CHICO
(Review.)

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Watson of Willow Springs community, were in Chico Wednesday. They sold over \$70 worth of turnips from three-fourths of an acre, which was more money than they realized from a large cotton crop.

J. C. Barnhill, while moving a pile of old lumber near his home on East Sherman street, one day last week, assisted by two boys and two dogs, killed 140 rats and let some of the big ones get away. The boys said it was great fun, but it was not a good day for rats.

H. L. Newton and Miss Olive Hall were married in Bridgeport last Sunday, Rev. M. H. Reed performing the ceremony. These popular young people live in the Thomas community, east of Chico and have the best wishes of a host of friends for their future happiness and prosperity.

Mrs. A. V. Hanna and Miss Lana, returned last Saturday from Ancho, N. M., where they went to attend the funeral of Mrs. L. P. Hall, who died at her home there December 28. Mrs. Hall was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Hanna and formerly lived here and had many friends and relatives in Wise county who sorrow at the unexpected death of this Christian woman, who was loved and respected by all who knew her.

NEWS FROM SLIDELL

Mr. and Mrs. John Freeman of San Antonio, have recently visited relatives here.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Moyer, twin sons.

In the spelling contest, January 7, Mr. J. M. Balthrop's team won over Mr. Page Durham's.

now is the time for all good men to

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hun and Miss Lillian Hunt of Denton, visited here Sunday with friends.

There is an epidemic of blind-saggers going through the country, and ten head of stock have already died here.

Neal Freeman from Greenwood, spent January 11 at home.

A crowd of young people spent Sunday afternoon in Krum.

MISSION PROGRAM AT SYCAMORE 16TH

Following is program for January 16, 1921, to be rendered at Sycamore by the Volunteer Band of Decatur Baptist College:

Song.

Prayer.

Scripture: Ezek. 33: 1-10—Bowie Wallace.

Opening Talk—Dona Walker.

The Missionary Message—Ora Bennett.

The Present Fields of Operation—G. Truett Dickinson.

This Semi-Annual Sale Commences
SATURDAY, JAN. 15th
DECATUR, - TEXAS

Perkins & Berlake Co.
ASSOCIATED MERCHANDISE

This Semi-Annual Sale Commences
SATURDAY, JAN. 15th
DECATUR, - TEXAS

SEMI-ANNUAL CLEARANCE

Men's Suits up to \$65
During sale at \$25.00



This is the last call on Men's suits! We only have a few left and have put them in two lots—

LOT NO. 1—We have only twenty-three in this lot, priced from \$50.00 to \$65.00, your choice at this sale for.....\$25.00

LOT NO. 2—We have only fifteen suits left for this lot, priced from \$30.00 to \$40.00, your choice at this sale for.....\$15.00

MEN'S OVERCOATS—½ PRICE

\$25.00 overcoats, one half price.....\$12.50
 \$30.00 overcoats, one half price.....\$15.00
 \$35.00 overcoats, one half price.....\$17.50
 \$40.00 overcoats, one half price.....\$20.00
 \$45.00 overcoats, one half price.....\$22.50

MEN'S ODD TROUSERS—1-3 OFF

\$ 6.00 Men's odd trousers, this sale...\$ 4.00
 \$ 7.50 Men's odd trousers, this sale...\$ 5.00
 \$ 8.00 Men's odd trousers, this sale...\$ 5.35
 \$ 8.50 Men's odd trousers, this sale...\$ 5.65
 \$10.00 Men's odd trousers, this sale...\$ 6.65
 \$11.00 Men's odd trousers, this sale...\$ 7.65
 \$12.50 Men's odd trousers, this sale...\$ 8.35
 \$13.50 Men's odd trousers, this sale...\$ 9.00
 \$15.00 Men's odd trousers, this sale...\$10.00

BOYS' EXTRA TROUSERS—ON-HALF PRICE

\$3.00 extra trousers, one half price...\$1.50
 \$3.50 extra trousers, one half price...\$1.75
 \$4.00 extra trousers, one half price...\$2.00
 \$4.50 extra trousers, one half price...\$2.25
 \$5.00 extra trousers, one half price...\$2.50

MEN'S AND BOYS' WORK CLOTHES

\$1.75 Big one blue work shirts.....\$1.00
 \$1.50 Boys' blue work shirts.....75c
 Men's heavy overalls.....\$1.50
 Boys' overalls—all sizes.....\$1.00

Bargains in all departments of the store!

PACKARD SHOES

Leading lasts and colors, including black, brown and black kangaroo, kids and calf skins. These are indeed extra-ordinary prices—

\$15.00 Packard shoes.....\$9.85
 \$12.50 and \$13.50 Packard shoes.....\$8.95
 \$11.50 Packard shoes.....\$7.95
 \$ 8.50 and \$9.00 R. J. & R. shoes.....\$7.50
 \$ 6.00 and \$6.50 R. J. & R. shoes.....\$4.95

MEN'S HEAVY RIBBED UNDERWEAR—ONE-HALF PRICE

\$1.50 shirts and drawers, sale price.....75c
 \$1.50 children's union suits, sale price.....75c
 \$2.50 Lion brand union suits for men.....\$1.25
 Chalmers and Imperial union suits.....½ price
 Just at the middle of the season you are able to buy your winter underwear at a saving:
 \$2.50 union suits, sale price.....\$1.25
 \$3.00 union suits, sale price.....\$1.50
 \$3.50 union suits, sale price.....\$1.75
 \$3.95 union suits, sale price.....\$2.00
 \$5.00 union suits, sale price.....\$2.50
 \$5.95 union suits, sale price.....\$3.00
 \$6.95 union suits, sale price.....\$3.50
 \$9.85 union suits, sale price.....\$4.95

BOYS' DRESS SHIRTS

Boys' "Tom Sawyer" dress shirts—the best-made boys' shirt on the market today—
 \$1.50 Boys' Tom Sawyer Shirts.....75c
 \$2.00 Boys' Tom Sawyer Shirts.....\$1.00
 \$2.50 Boys' Tom Sawyer Shirts.....\$1.25

HEAVY DUCK COATS FOR MEN

\$ 7.00 Blanket lined coats, sale price...\$ 3.50
 \$ 8.00 blanket lined coats, sale price...\$ 4.00
 \$17.50 sheep lined coats, sale price...\$ 8.75
 \$24.00 sheep lined coats, sale price...\$12.00

EVERY MAN'S HAT IN THE HOUSE AT ONE-THIRD OFF

This includes Stetsons and all other standard brands, in the staples and novelties—
 \$ 5.00 Men's hats, one-third off.....\$ 3.35
 \$ 6.00 Men's hats, one-third off.....\$ 4.00
 \$ 7.50 Men's hats, one-third off.....\$ 4.50
 \$ 9.00 Men's hats, one-third off.....\$ 6.00
 \$10.00 Men's hats, one-third off.....\$ 6.70
 \$11.00 Men's hats, one-third off.....\$ 7.35
 \$12.50 Men's hats, one-third off.....\$ 8.35
 \$15.00 Men's hats, one-third off.....\$10.00

STACY ADAMS SHOES FOR MEN

This is indeed an opportunity to buy good shoes. You know what the Stacy Adams are; we have them in all colors and lasts. Prices this season up to \$21.00 for...\$13.50

BARGAINS 5IN STAPLES

Hope domestic only.....19c
 Best grade of outing for.....15c
 Good as Gold domestic at.....19c
 Heavy chevots for only.....25c
 Sale on all our brassiers.....½ price
 Brown domestic for only.....11c
 A real good dress gingham.....15c

Sale Begins Satay, Jan. 15th

As has been our custom for many years, we clean out our stock of winter goods. Our Semi-Annual Sale was a splendid success, and we distributed thousands of dollars' worth of goods at real money-saving prices. Yet our stock is large and we MUST CLEAR IT OUT. We have again applied the knife to our prices and have again gone through our stock at lower prices than ever before made in the history of Wise. We have added by our buyers to take the place of the goods that have been thrown into this sale at prices you cannot afford to overlook.

There are yet two months of winter weather. But this sale of winter goods comes at a time when you need the goods. But if you wait until next winter, for we doubt if next winter's sale will pay you to buy for next year.

YOU know that when we advertise reductions, the reputation of our former sales is to be strictly upheld during the sale. The reputation of our former sales is to be strictly upheld during the sale. The reputation of our former sales is to be strictly upheld during the sale.

NO GOODS ARE TO BE CARRIED OVER—ALL GOODS TO BE SOLD. COME AND SEE.

CURE YOUR SHARE OF THE GENUINE—NOW HAVE IN STORE FOR YOU!

MEN'S HOSIERY

All silk hosiery of Phoenix in browns, navies, greys and blacks, former prices up to \$1.40, now only.....19c
 a pair, sale price.....35c
 Cadet pure lisle thread hose for Men, lisle heel and toe, a 75c seller during the sale, former price 50c and 60c.....25c
 Heavy grey mixed sox.....19c
 25c dress hose, all colors.....19c
 Men's all-wool cassimere hose, former price 50c, seller sale price.....25c
 \$1.00 heavy all-wool sox.....1.00

NECK TIES

For the Swell Dressers—
 \$1.00 four-in-hand ties.....1.00
 \$1.50 four-in-hand ties.....1.50
 \$2.00 four-in-hand ties.....2.00

BOYS' SHOES AT BARGAIN

Black and tans of R. J. & R. Mal...
 \$5.50 shoes, sale price.....\$3.00
 \$5.00 shoes, sale price.....\$3.00
 \$4.50 shoes, sale price.....\$3.00
 \$4.25 shoes, sale price.....\$3.00
 \$3.50 shoes, sale price.....\$3.00
 \$3.00 shoes, sale price.....\$3.00
 \$2.75 shoes, sale price.....\$3.00
 \$5.00 heavy red shoes, 2s to 5s.....\$3.00
 \$6.50 boys' booties, 2s to 5s.....\$3.00
 50 pair men's shoes, worth up to \$10.00, for \$1.00
 One lot boys' shoes in button...
 \$1.00 heavy all-wool sox.....1.00

MIDDY BLOUSES—½ PRICE

\$1.95 middies, one half price.....\$1.00
 \$2.25 middies, one half price.....\$1.15
 \$2.95 middies, one half price.....\$1.50

LADIES' SHIRT WAISTS—½ DISCOUNT

\$ 6.00 waists, one half price.....\$3.50
 \$ 9.00 waists, one half price.....\$4.50
 \$10.00 waists, one half price.....\$5.00
 \$12.50 waists, one half price.....\$6.25

ALL WHITE GOODS REDUCED

Dimities, Nainsooks, long cloth, Nurses' linen and piques—at extra-special prices!

New purchase in spring gingham, to sell for only.....15c per yard
 (See Window)

VAL DUTTENHOFFER FINE SHOES FOR THE LADIES

You are going to be surprised at the bargains you will find in this department, as you know shoes have decreased the least of any staple merchandise in the market. You will find the very best styles shown in all the colors, heels and, lasts—
 \$17.50 shoes, at special sale price.....\$11.95
 \$16.50 shoes, at special sale price.....\$11.00
 \$15.00 shoes, at special sale price.....\$ 8.50
 \$13.50 shoes, at special sale price.....\$ 8.00
 \$12.50 shoes, at special sale price.....\$ 7.50
 \$10.00 shoes, at special sale price.....\$ 6.00
 Roberts, Johnson & Rand Shoes—
 \$8.50 and \$9.00 shoes, this sale.....\$7.00
 \$7.00 and \$7.50 shoes, this sale.....\$6.50
 \$6.50 shoes, this sale.....\$5.50
 \$6.00 shoes, this sale.....\$5.00
 \$5.50 and \$5.00 shoes, sale price.....\$4.50
 \$4.50 and \$4.75 shoes, this sale.....\$4.25

CHILDREN'S SHOES REDUCED

\$6.75 tan lace dress shoe—size 12s to 2s.....\$4.95
 \$5.50 mahogany sport shoe—size 12 to 2.....\$4.00
 \$4.00 Tess and Ted Foot Culture shoes.....\$3.00
 \$4.50 Tess and Ted Foot Culture shoes.....\$3.50
 \$5.00 Tess and Ted Foot Culture shoes.....\$3.95
 \$5.50 Tess and Ted Foot Culture shoes.....\$4.95
 \$3.50 children's shoes—sizes 8½ to 11.....\$2.95
 \$3.75 children's shoes—sizes 8½ to 11.....\$3.00
 \$4.00 children's shoes—sizes 8½ to 11.....\$3.00
 \$4.50 children's shoes—sizes 8½ to 11.....\$3.50
 J. S. Zulick shoes for the smaller ones—
 \$4.00 children's shoes—sizes 5½ to 11.....\$3.00
 \$3.65 children's shoes—sizes 5½ to 11.....\$2.50
 \$3.50 children's shoes—sizes 5½ to 11.....\$2.50
 \$2.50 children's shoes—sizes 5½ to 11.....\$1.75
 \$2.75 children's shoes—sizes 2½ to 5.....\$2.00
 \$2.25 children's shoes—sizes 2½ to 5.....\$1.75
 \$2.15 children's shoes—sizes 2½ to 5.....\$1.50
 \$1.85 children's shoes—sizes 2½ to 5.....\$1.45
 One lot of ladies' shoes, priced up to \$18.00, this sale price.....\$3.95

KNITTING YARN

75c ball knitting yarn for.....50c
 50c ball knitting yarn for.....35c

Coat Suits Worth up to \$95.00 at \$25.00



We only have eight suits left, former prices up to \$95.00—all in one lot, your choice at this sale for.....\$25.00

SILK AND JERSEY PETTICOATS—ONE-HALF PRICE

\$ 5.00 petticoats, one half price.....\$2.50
 \$ 6.00 petticoats, one half price.....\$3.00
 \$ 7.00 petticoats, one half price.....\$3.50
 \$ 8.00 petticoats, one half price.....\$4.00
 \$ 9.00 petticoats, one half price.....\$4.50
 \$10.00 petticoats, one half price.....\$5.00
 \$11.00 petticoats, one half price.....\$5.50

ALL SWEATERS AND TROWS—ONE-HALF PRICE

\$ 4.00 sweaters and throws.....\$2.00
 \$ 5.00 sweaters and throws.....\$2.50
 \$ 6.00 sweaters and throws.....\$3.00
 \$ 7.00 sweaters and throws.....\$3.50
 \$ 8.00 sweaters and throws.....\$4.00
 \$ 9.00 sweaters and throws.....\$4.50
 \$10.00 sweaters and throws.....\$5.00
 \$11.00 sweaters and throws.....\$5.50
 \$12.50 sweaters and throws.....\$6.25
 \$13.50 sweaters and throws.....\$6.75
 \$15.00 sweaters and throws.....\$7.50
 \$19.50 sweaters and throws.....\$9.75

CHILDREN'S AND INFANTS' COATS—ONE-HALF PRICE

\$ 3.00 children's and infants' coats.....\$1.50
 \$ 4.00 children's and infants' coats.....\$2.00
 \$ 5.00 children's and infants' coats.....\$2.50
 \$ 6.00 children's and infants' coats.....\$3.00
 \$ 7.00 children's and infants' coats.....\$3.50
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 \$10.00 children's and infants' coats.....\$5.00
 \$11.00 children's and infants' coats.....\$5.50
 \$15.00 children's and infants' coats.....\$7.50

See our windows for other articles reduced!

THREE SUSPENDED SENTENCES 1 DAY

In the district court the following cases were disposed of:

State vs. Clifford Wallace, rape; jury returned verdict of not guilty.

State vs. Cagle, forgery; plea of guilty; two years, suspended sentence.

State vs. John Peck (colored), burglary; plea of guilty; two years in penitentiary.

State vs. A. U. Shaw, theft; plea of guilty; three years' suspended sentence.

State vs. F. M. McCrory, theft; plea of guilty; four years' suspended sentence.

State vs. Terrell Rowlin, forgery; five years, suspended sentence.

All suspended sentences were given to boys under eighteen years of age.

In the district court the suit of Riley Erwin against the Bridgeport Brick & Tile Co., for personal damages, resulted in a verdict for Erwin for \$10,000.

NEW OFFICERS FOR DECATUR'S BANKS

At the annual meeting of the directors of the banks of Decatur, held Tuesday, the following results have been declared:

First National Bank—W. T. Waggoner, president; Guinn Williams, vice-president; J. A. Simmons, vice-president; E. P. Gibson, cashier; N. A. Moore, assistant cashier; Buck Collins, assistant cashier. Directors: W. T. Waggoner, E. H. Baugartner, Sam Bellah, E. P. Waggoner, Guinn Williams, J. A. Simmons, J. H. McCaskey, A. Y. Leslie, E. P. Gibson.

City National Bank—S. A. Lillard, president; W. P. Thurmond, vice-president; S. A. Lillard, Jr., vice-president; J. Warren Lillard, cashier; J. M. Gibbon, assistant cashier. Directors: S. A. Lillard, W. P. Thurmond, J. Warren Lillard, W. E. Terrell, S. A. Lillard, Jr.

Security State Bank—The officers and directors hold over until June, 1921, having been elected last June, when the bank was established.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY WORK DURING 1920

The following report is from the Methodist Missionary Society of Decatur:

We are glad to report a well-organized society with every department doing its work.

In the adult auxiliary there are 83 regular members and 117 honorary members. The young ladies' society has 18 regular members and 41 honorary members. The junior division has 49 members, and the baby division has 57 members.

The society has raised for all purposes \$2500.

We try to keep a record of the social service work done by the society, but so many of our members fail to bring or send reports of their work that it is impossible to give a correct report of this work, however, we give the following: Visits to sick and strangers, 1045; lunches to the sick, 267; bouquets of flowers to the sick, 85; hours of work for the sick, 168; garments given to the needy, 191; Bibles given, 2.

NOMINATIONS OF WILSON HELD UP

More than 15,000 nominations by President Wilson are being held up by the senate. Few of these, if any, are likely to be confirmed. The list includes eighty-five postmasters in Texas.

The pending nominations include postmasters, army and many officers, executive officials of bureaus and departments at Washington, district judges and district attorneys, internal revenue collectors—in fact, the entire category of federal appointive officials.

Saving for Harding.

The senate is not letting any Wilson appointee get by. Everything is being saved for President-elect Harding.

The senate has made but one confirmation at this season. It was done in "open executive session" when the nomination of senator Nugent of Idaho, a democratic lame duck, was submitted for federal trade commissioner. Senatorial courtesy came immediately to the front, and upon motion of Senator Borah of Idaho, it was immediately confirmed. But that's all.

Usually similar courtesy is extended to sitting members of the house of representatives. But that has not been the case thus far, because no action has been taken upon the nomination of Representative Finis Garrett of Tennessee to be judge of the western district of Tennessee.

History Repeats Itself.

The senate in refusing to confirm any Wilson appointee is reminding the democrats of what occurred eight years ago as Taft was retiring from office. The democrats, then in control of the senate, refused to confirm any nominations submitted by Taft, leaving all of the jobs vacant for President-elect Wilson.

"Chickens come home to roost," recall the republicans.

They are leaving all of the civil jobs vacant for Harding to fill with "deserving republicans." They also may leave most of the military jobs to the G. O. P. secretaries of war and navy to pass on, too.

Pluck ye your eyebrows while ye may
Daub up your lips and nose,
Rat up your hair 'most any way,
Slip on your shearest hose.

Old Time is fast a-flying, dears,
Go vamp 'em while ye can,
If ye be coy ye will in tears
Forever lack a man.

D. B. C.'S SCHEDULE FOR BASKETBALL

DECATUR PLAYS FIRST GAME THIS EVENING IN GYM—OUR FIVE TO LEAVE NEXT WEEK FOR BASKETBALL GAMES

On January the first, representatives from the Junior colleges in this district met at the Metropolitan Hotel in Fort Worth for the purpose of arranging basketball schedules for each college. The policy of meeting and making out a schedule is a good step in the direction of better athletics of Junior colleges. We are only a step lower than a university and why not have rules and regulations to follow? This organization will prevent "ringers," this is, athletes who are not in regular attendance in the schools, from participating in inter-collegiate games. This places all schools on equal footing.

The following representatives who were present at the meeting: Mr. W. M. Hughes, vice-president of the organization, D. L. Stoker, Jr., and L. Kuykendall from Decatur College; Mr. Hayes from John Tarleton College of Stephenville; Mr. Barnett of Meridian College of Meridian, Texas. There was no representative from Thorp Springs.

The following games were matched:

Meridian at Decatur—January 14-15.

Decatur at John Tarleton—January 19-20.

Decatur at Thorp Springs—January 21-22.

Thorp Springs at Decatur—January 26-27.

John Tarleton at Decatur—February 4-5.

Decatur at Meridian—February 11-12.

John Tarleton at Meridian—January 28-29.

John Tarleton at Thorp Springs—February 2-3.

Each school has the privilege of playing any school it desires, only that it does not interfere with the games here scheduled.

The representatives will meet again soon to arrange a baseball schedule for the coming season.

Also plans were discussed for a Junior college track meet. This phase of athletics has been neglected in Junior colleges and it is desired to create more interest in this sport. Each school was anxious to hold a track meet this spring, however, none of the schools has a good place to hold the meet. Mr. Hayes of John Tarleton, was appointed to get in touch with authorities at Texas Christian University and, if possible, arrange for the meet to be held there. It seems that any university should be glad of this opportunity to have the athletes from the various Junior colleges meet there, and in that way have a better chance than any other school for getting the athletes to come to that particular school.

D. B. C. should have the best track in the state if the track men will begin work at once. It is being planned to have an inter-society and inter-class meet soon. This will be a good way to develop interest in this work and at the same time win honors for the societies and classes. The winners of the inter-society meet will be given a page in the annual this year.

The teams will start practice very soon, as equipment has been ordered and is expected to arrive any time.

COLLEGE GIRLS WIN FROM HIGH SCHOOL

Last Thursday the D. B. C. basketball girls brought to defeat the high school girls by a score of eighteen to five, in one of the fastest games ever staged on the local court. Excellent training and skill was shown by both teams, which we hope will prove to be a source of trouble for all the teams in the district. St. Clair and Gose starred for the college, St. Clair pitching three field goals and Gose five; while Petty made the entire score for the high school. Although the high school was at a slight disadvantage, being used to an outdoor court we want to congratulate the high school on having such a team.

The line-up was as follows: D. B. C.—Gose and Gardner, forwards; Bobo and St. Clair, centers; Terrell and Petty, guards; High School—Petty and Stokes, forwards; Bennett and Renshaw, guards; McCarter and Brandenburg, centers. Substitutes: D. B. C.—Patterson for St. Clair; St. Clair for Gardner; High School—Nichols for Renshaw.

PUTTING HIS LOGIC TO THE TEST

The old couple were eating their first meal with their son after his return from college.

"Tell us, John," said the father, "what have you learned at college?"

"Oh, lots of things," said the son, as he recited off his course of studies. "Then," he concluded, "I also studied logic."

"Logic," said the old man; "what is that?"

"It's the art of reasoning," said the son.

"The art of reasoning?" said the father. "What is that, my boy?"

"Well," replied the son, "let me give you a demonstration. How many chickens are on that dish, father?"

"Two," said the old man.

"Well," said John, "I can prove there are three." Then he stuck his fork in one and said: "That is one, isn't it?"

"Yes," said the father.

"And this is two?" sticking the fork in the second.

"Yes," replied the father again.

"Well, don't one and two make three?" replied John triumphantly.

"Well, I declare," said the father, "you have learned things at college. Well, mother," continued the old man to his wife, "I will give you one of the chickens to eat and I'll take the other, and John can have the third. How is that, John?"

GRAND JURY GIVES ITS FINAL REPORT

Hon. F. O. McKinsey, judge 43d judicial district:

We, the grand jury empaneled for the November term, 1920, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have diligently inquired into all offenses against the State; also the affairs pertaining to the county, and have found 33 felonies and 31 misdemeanors.

After a searching investigation into the crimes coming before this body we find that a majority of the acts are committed by juveniles, and we recommend that the parents of the youth of the county be more watchful and diligent in looking after the conduct of their children.

This regrettable state of affairs can be improved and the moral tone of the entire county bettered if the parents will do their duty.

We find that the sheriff's force and the county attorney's department are diligent in the discharge of their duties, and were faithful and tireless in their efforts to assist this body in detection of crime. In view of the fact that crime is increasing in the county and that the sheriff is limited in the number of deputies he may appoint, we earnestly recommend that a traffic officer be appointed by the Commissioner's court in order that the automobile laws may be strictly enforced.

An investigation into the conduct of the official affairs of the county has revealed a condition that warrants this body in recommending to the Commissioners' court that some means be provided by which a more accurate and understandable report of county officials can be obtained; and we would suggest that an auditing of the books of the several county officials be done at least once every two years. Our investigation has gone back into the terms preceding the present county officials, and from all records and reports available, we found that a reckless and wanton expenditure of the county's money was the order, and to prevent a recurrence of this, we would suggest that all reports and records be audited every two years.

We recommend that the Commissioners' court have proceedings instituted to collect the sum of \$304.21 from M. W. Burch, which is excess fees from office collected by him for the fiscal year of 1917, for which an accounting has not been made to said county, same being delinquent tax fees collected.

We, through our committee, inspected the county jail and found the cells and back part of the jail building to be in a very bad state of repair and unsafe; and we recommend that all that part of the jail building be rebuilt and that the kitchen be rebuilt of stone, and made as nearly fire-proof as practicable; also that proper sewer connections be made to the jail.

We also visited the poor farm and found the inmates as well cared for as we consider possible with the material at hand; and we recommend that the Commissioners' court furnish the superintendent such material as may be required to keep the inmates and premises in a sanitary condition.

We wish to extend to the officials our hearty thanks for courtesies and kindnesses shown to this body.

We now ask the Honorable Court that we be finally discharged.

This, the 8th day of January, A. D. 1921.

E. P. GIBSON, Foreman of the grand jury.

Hon. F. O. McKinsey, judge 43d judicial district:

We, the undersigned members of the grand jury empaneled for the November term, 1920, beg to show that we voted against the paragraph in the grand jury report in regard to the recommendation of suit being filed against M. W. Burch to recover fees collected in delinquent tax suits.

Witness our hands this 8th day of January, A. D. 1921.

J. F. BOOTH, O. L. HARTSELL, S. S. SPARKS, J. D. HOLT.

NOTICE TO TELEPHONE USERS.

After Feb. 1, 1921, the Independent telephone dues will be paid at the local exchange office in the Masonic building. If dues are not paid by the 10th of the month following that for which bill is due, 10 percent will be added. If dues are not paid by the 15th, the telephone will be discontinued. No collector outside of exchange office, and dues must be brought or mailed to office. All calls to Wise county towns outside Decatur by parties not subscribers will cost 20c, and such calls will be charged to telephone from which they come.

W. V. CUNNINGHAM, Mangr.

A GIRL'S ESSAY ON BOYS.

Boys are men that have not got as big as their papas, and girls are women that will be ladies by-and-by. Man was made before woman. When God looked at Adam He said to Himself: "Well I think I can do better if I try again." And He made Eve. God liked Eve so much better than Adam that there have been more women than men.

Boys are a trouble. They wear out everything but soap. If I had my way half the world would be girls and the rest dolls. My papa is so nice that I think he must have been a little girl when he was a little boy.

Man was made, and on the seventh day he rested. Woman was then made, and she has never rested since.

Kirk—"A fashion note says that the extremely décolleté evening gown has disappeared.

Stoker—"Maybe it slipped under a hook-and-eye or something.

GIRLS' TOWN TEAM WINS FAST GAME

During the holidays a team of town girls defeated the Alvord high school girls in a game of basketball by a score of 30 to 17. Altho Decatur had not practiced together, they played excellent ball. With such playing as was carried on in this game, we could have a good chance.

Following is a line-up of the Decatur team:— Anita Patterson and Orlena Gose, centers; Vallie Blaukenship and Lorene St. Clair, forwards; Velma Carpenter and Margaret Terrell, guards.

Here's to man:—He is like a kerosene lamp; he is not especially bright; he is often turned down; he generally smokes; and he frequently goes out at night.

He—"Does your mother object to kissing?"

She—"Now, just because I allow you to kiss me, you needn't think you can kiss the whole family."

MASTER OF ALL MASTERS!

A girl once hired herself as a servant to a funny looking old gentleman. He told her that he had his own names for things.

He said to her, "What will you call me?"

"Master, or mister, or whatever you please, sir," said she.

He said, "You must call me Master of all Masters. And this?" pointing to his bed.

"Bed, or couch, or whatever you please, sir."

"No, that is my Barnacle. And these?" he said, pointing to his pantaloons.

"Breeches, or trousers, or whatever you please, sir."

"You must call them Squibs and Crackers. And what would you call the cat?"

"Cat, or kit, or whatever you please, sir."

"You must call her White-faced Simminy. And the fire?"

"Fire, or flame, or whatever you please, sir."

"You must call it Hot Cockalorum. And water?" he went on.

"Water, or wet, or whatever you please, sir."

"No, Pondalorum is its name. And what do you call the house?" asked he.

"House, or cottage, or whatever you please, sir."

"You must call it High Topper Mountain."

That very night the servant woke her master up in a fright and said, "Master of all Masters, get out of your Barnacle and put on your Squibs and Crackers, for White-faced Simminy has got a spark of Hot Cockalorum on its tail, and unless you get some Pondalorum, High Topper Mountain will be all Cockalorum."

Don't want to be

The millionaire

Who seems so free

From earthly care.

The chances are

His outward pride

And costly car

But serve to hide

A weight of woes

We cannot pierce,

And yet we know

Is something fierce.

HE SWUNG THE LANTERN ALL RIGHT

A southern railroad had stationed, at one point along its line, an old negro watchman, whose duties consisted in warning travelers down a highway crossing the tracks when a train approached. One night a wagon belonging to a farmer was struck and resulted in a bed accident. The company was, of course, sued for damages, and at the trial the old darky replied to the questions put to him in a clear, direct fashion. Among these questions was one as to whether he was sure that he had swung his lantern across the road when he perceived the train approach. The negro replied:

"I shorley did, suh."

The trial resulted in a verdict for the company and the counsel took an early occasion to compliment the aged negro on his excellent testimony.

To which the latter replied:

"Thankee, Marse John, but I was shorley skeered when dat lawyer man began to ask me about de lantern. I was afeared for a minute dat he was goin' to ask me if it was lit or not. De oil done give out some time befo' de accident!"

THE GENTLEMAN OF THE COURT ROOM

"Are you the defendant?" asked a man in the court-room, speaking to an old negro.

"No, boss," was the reply. "I ain't done nothin' to be called names like that. I've got a lawyer here—he does the defending."

"Then who are you?"

"It's the gemmun what stole the chickens."

The little chigger—

He ain't no bigger

Than the point of a pin—

But the bump he raises

Itches like blazes:

That's where the rub comes in.

How Old Is Music?

No one could answer this question. Man has made music of a kind probably since he first discovered that two solid substances brought in sudden contact made a noise. The drum was probably the first instrument, and then some kind of flute or whistle. Ancient Greece had a scale of notes similar to those of today, and the first school of singing that we know anything about, was founded by Pope Sylvester, A. D. 380. Music has developed with religion. The church has done more to foster a love for music than any other institution. We cannot here go into the general history of the art. There are many excellent volumes on the subject which may be obtained at small expense.

CO-OPERATION TO FIGHT FLY PEST

Much Alfalfa and Clover Seed Can Be Saved by Community War on Insect.

SOME MEASURES SUGGESTED

Standing Plants Along Fences and in Waste Places Should Be Burned Over and Fields Cultivated

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Thousands of dollars can be saved annually by fighting the chalcis fly in the districts where alfalfa seed and clover seed are grown, although it cannot be hoped to eradicate this pest from any seed-producing locality. This is stated as a result of investigations conducted by the bureau of entomology.

Control Measure Suggested.

The rapid dispersion of the adults of this species makes it vitally important that control methods should be taken up by community action rather than by the individual. The following control measures are suggested:

Standing alfalfa and red-clover plants along fence lines and waste areas should be burned over in autumn to destroy hibernating larvae.

Cultivation of alfalfa seed fields during the winter is of much value in covering the infested alfalfa seeds containing hibernating larvae.

Whenever possible, the alfalfa seed grower should do most of his irrigating in early spring, or before the seed crop is grown.

Every farmer in an alfalfa seed-growing district should cut all of the standing alfalfa along fence lines, ditch banks, and other waste areas at the time of cutting a hay crop and before a seed crop is grown.

Hay crops should be cut carefully so that no stems will remain standing



Interior View of an Alfalfa Seed-Cleaning Plant Where the Infested Seeds, Together With Weed Seeds, Are Removed Before the Product Is Sold for Planting.

to develop seed in advance of the greater seed crop.

Animals Render Valuable Service.

Horses, cattle and sheep may render valuable service by destroying plants that have escaped the mower.

All seed fields should be handled so that a heavy setting of pods will be secured with the first bloom and the crop will be removed from the field as early as possible.

Attempts to grow second crops of alfalfa seed in a single season will meet almost certain failure because of the increased abundance of chalcis flies late in the summer.

It is a mistake to pasture alfalfa seed fields which have become too severely infested to yield a crop worth harvesting. Live stock walking through the ripe alfalfa cause the seeds to be shelled out, and those infested with the hibernating larvae of the chalcis fly fall on the ground, where they become the source of infestation the following year.

FOOD SHORTAGE TO CONTINUE

Condition Exists as Result of Decrease in Production Due to Scarcity of Labor.

Food supply surveys recently made give conclusive evidence of a more disastrous food shortage than during the war period. This condition exists as a result of a decrease in production due to the scarcity and high cost of labor. To help overcome such a condition and to guard against the disastrous results that will naturally follow, every home should provide for a vegetable garden and begin at once to prepare to grow the needed supply of fresh vegetables and a surplus for canning.

GIVE PASTURE GOOD CHANCE

Grass Is Weakened If Cattle Are Turned on It Just as It Begins to Show Above Ground.

If you turn your stock onto the pasture just as the first green grass begins to show, the grass is weakened, and never makes a strong stand. To get the best results the grass should show a good covering over the entire ground. It is better to wait too long than to be too hasty.

A Tonic For Women

"I was hardly able to drag, I was so weakened," writes Mrs. W. F. Ray, of Easley, S. C. "The doctor treated me for about two months, still I didn't get any better. I had a large family and felt I surely must do something to enable me to take care of my little ones. I had heard of

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"I decided to try it," continues Mrs. Ray. "I took eight bottles, in all... I regained my strength and have had no more trouble with womanly weakness. I have ten children and I can do all my housework and a lot of outside work... I can sure recommend Cardui."

Take Cardui today. It may be just what you need. At all druggists.

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SCOTT'S EMULSION

is a food- tonic that of special significance to children. Those who are not thriving ought to take Scott's Emulsion.

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Prompt Relief

From Neuritis Headache has resulted from the use of thousands of cases the use of

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The relief this medicine has brought to public men free from the effects of narcotics and its use.

Easy to take. first pain relieve box handy. SOLD EVERYWHERE

Keep Children Healthy

Children's health is the foundation of a nation's future. To keep children healthy, give them the best food and the best care. Scott's Emulsion is the best food for children. It is a food- tonic that of special significance to children. Those who

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ED SCHEDULE FOR FORT WORTH & DENVER TRAINS

North Bound
—Decatur— W. Falls
am 10:00 am 12:55 pm
am 11:32 am 2:00 pm
pm 7:55 pm 10:45 pm
pm 12:02 am 2:50 am

South Bound
—Decatur— Ft. Worth
am 5:40 am 7:15 am
am 11:00 am 1:00 pm
pm 4:59 pm 6:40 pm
pm 7:25 pm 9:15 pm

1, 2, 7 and 8 run between
and Fort Worth.
2 stop at Bowie but not
s. 7 and 8 stop at Decatur,
and Henrietta.
3 makes all local stops and
Childress.
4 makes all local stops and
to White Falls and Abilene.
6 makes all local stops and
from Abilene and Wichita
b. 4 makes all local stops and
es from Childress.
All extra sections have been dis-
continued. Now only one section of
train in regular, daily operation.

Barton was in Waco.
Messenger Classified ads.
was here from Boyd
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was in Dallas on bus-
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was here Tuesday
er was in the city from
Faith has been in Fort
week.
nes has returned from a
asville.
Alexander is here this week
burnett.
bye Mae Rush visited in
week.
obles was here this week
burnett.
rell has accepted a posi-
chita Falls.
Freeman has returned from
to San Antonio.
P. Harding was here the past
from Groesbeck.
Halsell was here Tuesday from
omingo, Oklahoma.
ate Renshaw was here from the
ome Wednesday.
arr of Henrietta, is here
ith relatives.
C. T. Gettys was in Fort
legal business Monday.
C. C. Henderson has return-
a visit to Dallas.
or and Mrs. Williams left for
Monday morning.
Gardnes was among those
Chico this week.
Received shipment of new
Riegers. Rieger Bros.
Mrs. Ben Collins were in
Sunday from Gainesville.
Plaxco of Fort Worth, was
y this week on business.
rown is in central Texas
for the Simmons Gin Co.
y of the Chico citizens
this week attending court.
R. Mack of Fort Worth,
visiting Miss Ada Harding.
Mrs. Odie Boyd of Fort
here visiting relatives.
ore of Randlett, is here
A. Brock of Bridgeport is
st of her sister, Mrs. L. D.
to Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Con-
lvord, on Tuesday, Jan. 11.
Bullard is still very low at
e of his daughter, Mrs. P. L.
Pearl McCurdy of Wichita
visiting Mrs. Clyde McCur-
od on last Monday ten-
gnation as constable of
ue Thurmond has re-
from attending school at T. C.
Worth.
e Methodist church last Sun-
about \$500 was raised for
ers in Poland.

Mr. and Mrs. Lillard of the Lil-
ard Co., was in Dallas last
on business.
her of Dallas, passed
Tuesday on his way to
sit with relatives.
rd was in Paradise the
last week on business
Milling Company.

Mrs. Tully Fields entertained with
bridge Tuesday afternoon, compli-
mentary to Mrs. Erwin Brewer.

Prof. Harley Burton left Wednes-
day to resume his work as instructor
in Clarendon college, after a month's
illness here.

Dennis P. Ratliff is in Austin,
where he is filling the position as
private secretary to Senator Guinn
Williams.

Snow and sleet fell all of Wednes-
day morning. About three inches of
snow remained on the ground during
the day.

Mrs. Porter Gililand, who is vis-
iting the family of A. Y. Leslie, in
Alvord was here visiting friends
this week.

Mrs. S. M. Gose, Outler D. Gose
and Marvin Carpenter were in Bridge
port last Sunday to attend a district
Sunday school meeting.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs.
Jno. Renshaw died Tuesday last. The
baby was only one day old at the
time of its death.

Mrs. C. C. Henderson and sister,
Miss Diana Sumners spent several
days in Dallas visiting relatives and
friends.

George Call, a former Decatur
boy, now of Jefferson, and Miss Mat-
tie Wills of Bryan, were united in
marriage on Dec. 30.

Mill-run bran for \$2.15 per hundred
at Lillard Milling Company.
Phone your order to mill.

I will gather up laundry only on
Monday of each week. B. C. Cole-
man, representing the New Method
laundry of Bowie.

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George Roach went to Weatherford
Sunday to attend the funeral of Baby
Edith Gilbert, a relative, who was
burned to death there Saturday.

Mrs. Grady Keown was last week
carried to a Fort Worth sanitarium
for treatment. She has since been
in a critical condition.

Charley Bingham of Bridgeport,
was in the city this week. It is re-
ported that Charley will be a candi-
date for sheriff of Wise county at the
next election.

White shorts \$2.90 per hundred at
Lillard Milling Company. Telephone
your order to the mill.

Mesdames Emory Gose and Dick
Collins entertained the Mission Study
class at the home of Mrs. Collins
Monday afternoon. Twenty-five mem-
bers of the class were present.

W. C. Lovelass of Godley, came up
Saturday for a visit to relatives. He
was accompanied home by his wife
and children, who have been visiting
Mrs. W. W. Williams.

Mrs. W. M. Hughes entertained the
Book club yesterday afternoon at her
home in South Decatur. An interest-
ing session was had and refresh-
ments were served.

Marriage licenses: Jesse Brown
and Miss Nellie Reed; Zeak Boner
and Miss Jewel Morrow; Eddie Den-
ham and Miss Ruby Medlin; C. L.
Edmondson and Mrs. Winnie Saun-
ders.

See those new spring Oxfords at
Rieger Bros.

arrett Barksdale, cashier of the
Security State bank of Alvord, was
here this week.

Miss Esther Williams is now em-
ployed in the county clerk's office,
assisting the clerical force. Miss Es-
ther is one of the most efficient ty-
pists in the city.

A heavy snow fell over Wise county
Wednesday morning. In places
the snow was several inches deep. A
number of the boys and girls en-
joyed rabbit-chasing during the day.

G. F. McCracken of Servilletta, N.
M., passed through Decatur this
week enroute to Fort Worth to visit
his daughter, Mrs. Grady Keown,
who is ill in a sanitarium there.

If you want beautiful, white flour,
ask your grocer for Pride of Texas.
\$3.05 for 48-pound sack.

C. L. Edmondson and Mrs. Winnie
Sanders were married at the Metho-
dist district parsonage last Monday
by Presiding Elder Shawver. The
contracting parties are popular resi-
dents of the Chico country.

Rev. H. L. Verden of Dallas, will
preach at the Episcopal church to-
night. Rev. Verden is one of the
most learned and eloquent ministers
in the state, and you are invited to
attend the service tonight.

Hear Skovgaard, the Danish violin-
ist, who has played before the kings
of Denmark and other great nota-
bles. He is assisted by pianist and
vocalist of rare ability. Decatur,
Texas, January 27. Seats will be
on sale at E. W. Bass & Company.

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Monday of each week. B. C. Cole-
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laundry of Bowie.

Rev. A. A. Kidd and family left
this week for their new home in
Greenville. Rev. Kidd has returned
to Decatur to continue his work as
pastor of the Methodist church here
until his successor has been arrang-
ed for.

R. H. Whittaker was here this
week from Slaton. He is now asso-
ciated with his brother on a large
ranch near Slaton. Bob marketed
cattle in Fort Worth just before com-
ing to Decatur.

Plain sewing and mending satis-
factorily done at my home on East
Walnut street. Mrs. S. E. Pyeatt,
city.

Mrs. W. V. Cunningham is visiting
relatives in Fort Worth.

FREE CONCERT ON TUESDAY NIGHT

The Decatur band will give a free
concert next Tuesday night at the
district court room. Besides the
band numbers there will be other
numbers by the stringed orchestra.
The public generally is invited, and
there will be no charge. The pro-
gram will begin at 7:30, and will
end in time for those attending to
see the second show at the Majestic.
Come and enjoy this evening of
splendid entertainment. Compliment
the band with a crowded house.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCracken and
Pete Hopson have been visiting Mrs.
Grady Keown at a Fort Worth sani-
tarium.

A negro giving his name as John
Peck, pleaded guilty in the district
court Tuesday to theft of an over-
coat from Fred Bramlett. The jury
gave the negr. two years in the peni-
tentiary.

Hear Skovgaard, the Danish violin-
ist, in Decatur, Texas, January 7.
A rare musical treat. Popular prices.
Seats will be on sale at E. W.
Bass & Company.

Writing from Marietta, Okla., a
Messenger subscriber says: "I en-
close \$3.00 for two years' subscrip-
tion to the Messenger, the home-pa-
per I have always praised and never
expect to miss. You have certainly
built up a good paper and put old
Decatur on the map."

Col. Jim Fulghum of Chico, was
in the city this week. He told a
Messenger reporter that conditions
in all lines in that section of the
county were good; that an oil well
was liable to come in at any time;
that his people were happy, and the
goose was honking high.

Gray shorts \$2.65 per hundred at
Lillard Milling Company. Telephone
your order.

The following Chico citizens were
here this week attending the district
court: Dr. J. J. Blanton, Dr. W. A.
Jennings, Elias Bass, J. T. Malone,
R. E. Gibson, W. S. Knox, Chas.
Young, Witt Stack, D. B. Alexander,
J. M. Kelsey, A. T. Johnson, F. M.
Kerens, Ike Johnson, Tom Lumsden,
R. G. Crocker, M. O. Gardner, M. G.
Hunter, G. W. Smith.

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sts in concert, Decatur, Texas, Jan-
uary 27. Seats will be on sale at E.
W. Bass & Company.

Tax Assessor Victor Nobles an-
nounces the appointment of the fol-
lowing deputy tax assessors for the
county: Chico, Walter Allen; Alv-
ord, J. W. Spencer; Paradise, E. E.
Bunnell; Boyd, E. T. Ford; Deca-
tur, Elwood McDaniel.

College Notes.

The college annual is progressing
nicely. As this is being printed and
worked up into fine shape and artful
work therein, more numbers are ex-
pected to be sold.

The first team girls at the college
drove over to the high school camp-
us Monday following the boys' bas-
ketball game and defeated the high
school girls in a good game. On with
the girls' athletics.

There are three basketball games
during this week. The first was
played with David's Sunday school
class of the First Baptist church of
Fort Worth. This is a strong quint-
tett, according to some of the bas-
ketball participants of D. B. C., who
were on the same quintette last year.
Carl Smith, a four lettered man at
Texas Christian University, is play-
ing with these men.

The "Reubens" of D. B. C. played
the high school in a fast and snappy
game of basketball last Friday; Jan-
uary 6, at the high school campus.
The "Reubens" were defeated by a
fast little team over at the high
school. We must admit that the high
school is certainly coming to the
front—especially in basketball. De-
catur Baptist College is expected
some real athletes from there within
the next few years of experience.

Next Thursday and Friday the Me-
ridian Methodists will be the visiting
team to meet the D. B. C. cubs. This
is the first time D. B. C. has ever had
the Meridianites play here in basket-
ball. This is also the first game in
the junior college league in which
the Decaturites will have the honor
of winning, provided she does such.
After much and many evenings of
good practice by the Baptist quin-
tette, after much and many good
cheers from the study-body, we ex-
pect them to win these first two
games, as well as the Texas state
championship.

Rev. Boone of Dallas, student sec-
retary of religious organizations of
Texas, is here this week with his co-
workers for a real institute. To ren-
der service while in college and to
render service while out in life's walk
is the real motive of the institute.
Bible study and campaigning for Bi-
ble reading among the students is
being planned. Thus, a week of
of these people from various insti-
tutions with the college will do great-
er and nobler good than most any-
thing yet organized in the institu-
tion. Decatur Baptist College at
large welcomes these people.

Those who know it all don't care
to learn more.



A LITTLE NEW FURNITURE MAKES HOME COZY

—No home is so completely furnished but
what it can do with a little more. There
are but few homes that do not actually need
more.

—We take justifiable pride in the line of fur-
niture we are selling this season. It is so
modern, so neat, so tasty, is just simply
takes the eye the moment you see it. It
took a lot of careful investigating to get
this splendid stock together, for it repre-
sents many of the master-pieces of the fur-
niture maker's age.

—Come in when you are ready for that new
piece. Or better still—come on anyway,
any day.

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Masonic Building —o— Decatur, Texas
—FURNITURE—

High School Bulletin.

Composed by Students Attending the
Decatur High Schools

Locals.

"Ah! woe is me!" said the un-
finished notebook.

Misses Rowan and Blankenship
were Fort Worth visitors Saturday
and Sunday.

We regret to report Harold Brum-
ley, one of our fellow-workers, sick
with scarlet fever.

"No more hooky!" Prof. Johnson
made public his method of dealing
with hookyites today. Careful boys!

Mid-term exams are crowding upon
our heels. Kids, refresh your mem-
ory with reviews, lest the "red let-
ter" gets you.

The boys defeated the college Reu-
bens on the local grounds last week
by a score of 20 to 10. The two meet
again soon. See the game.

Watch announcements for the next
games of basketball. We'll appre-
ciate your boost and your attendance.
We can't participate without your
aid.

We regret to report that Miss
Workman has been on the sick list
the past week, but on the other hand,
we are happy to report her able to
be with us this week.

Let it be known to one and all pub-
licly and privately that the high
school playground is no speedway
for cars. Not one child to spare for
broken limbs and maimed bodies do
we have in our midst. Now, remem-
ber, Mr. Speeder, we ask you kindly
to stop this.

A "spoony club" forgetful of all
surroundings and thinking the long
swing on the high school campus a
park seat, featured a real, live pic-
ture-show romance for the amuse-
ment and disgust of the high school
pupils who were forming line at re-
cess Monday morning. We heard a
his! his! and one of the teachers
from an up-stairs window whispered
to us not to laugh too loudly or we
might break the film and the show
would stop—then it did!

Athletics in the form of basket-
ball, is progressing nicely. Two
games have been played to date,
namely the college girls vs. the high
school girls. Although the score was
greatly in favor of the D. B. C. girls
—they fought for it. For the high
school, Mary Francis, "Tootsie," fi-
gured as a splendid guard. Misses
Renshaw and "Bevo" Nichols did

remarkably well. Petty at forward,
made two field goals for the high
school. Help us boost the girls. They
are great little players with a bit
more practice and your boosting.

Hear Skovgaard, the Danish violin-
ist, assisted by other notable arti-
sts, Decatur, Texas, January 27, un-
der auspices of the Harmony Club,
Decatur Baptist College. The De-
catur High School. Seats will be on
sale at E. W. Bass & Company.

Notice by Publication.

The state of Texas, county of Wise.
In Probate court

The state of Texas. To the sher-
iff or any constable of Wise county,
Greeting:—

You are hereby commanded to
cause to be published in the Wise
County Messenger, a newspaper of
general circulation published in said
county, at least once a week for ten
consecutive days before the return
day hereof, the following notice:

The state of Texas. To all per-
sons interested in the estate of Mrs.
S. J. Allgood, deceased. B. C. All-
good, Jr., has filed in the county
court of Wise county, an application
for the probate of the last will and
testament of said Mrs. S. J. Allgood,
deceased, filed with said application,
and for letters testamentary of the
estate of Mrs. S. J. Allgood, deceas-
ed, which said proceeding will be
heard by said court on the 4th day
of April, 1921, at the court house of
said county, in Decatur, Texas, at
which time all persons who are in-
terested in said estate are required
to appear and answer said proceed-
ing, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you be-
fore said court, on the first day of
the next term thereof, this writ, with
your return thereon, showing how
you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal
at Decatur, Texas, this 11th day of
January, 1921.—CARL FAITH, clerk
of the County Court, Wise county,
Texas. (Jan. 14-21.)

FOR SALE—Seven-room house, five
lots, for \$2,000.00; \$500.00 cash,
payments to suit. See FANNIE
BRUNO, Decatur, Texas. (4)
FOR SALE—Seed oats, 65c and 75c
per bushel, at my home east of De-
catur.—CHAS. DAVIS. (3)
FOR SALE—Frost proof cabbage
plants, 500 \$1.50, 1000 \$2.50, post-
paid. 1000 \$2.00, 10,000 \$1.50 per
1000, express collect.—KINSEY
WHOLESALE PLANT CO., Valdes-
ta, Georgia. (7)
FOR SALE—Oak pole wood, 50c foot
high on wagon; eight miles east of
Decatur, on route 8.—ARCHIE PAG-
GETT. (2)

CLASSIFIED ADS.

One Cent Per Word.

—CASH IN ADVANCE—

No Ad Taken for Less than 25c

LOST

LOST—Silver vanity case; has "B.
S. F." on back. Reward. Return to
MESSENGER OFFICE. (1)

WANTED

SALESMEN WANTED to solicit or-
ders for lubricating oil, greases and

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0 LATEST MODEL

0 —No. 9--OLIVER

0 TYPEWRITER

0 FOR SALE!

0 --3 Months' Old--

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0 COSTS \$64.00

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0 WILL TAKE \$4.00

0 CASH FOR IT!

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0 See Bill Jones at

0 Messenger Office

0 TODAY!

0

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paints. Salary or commission. Ad-
dress THE HARVEY OIL CO., Cleve-
land, Ohio. (2)

WANTED—To buy one grey female
goose. Bring to Messenger office.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Seven-room house, five
lots, for \$2,000.00; \$500.00 cash,
payments to suit. See FANNIE
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TO TRADE

FOR TRADE—I have 165 acres of
good black land, 45 miles south of
San Antonio and 40 acres irrigated
south of Donna, Texas in lower Rio
Grande valley. Want property in or
near Decatur—what have you? W.
I. GHORMLEY, Arlington, Tex. (3)

The average woman would rather
have a little flattery than a lot of
sympathy.

Self-denial is considerably easier
in the long run than is self-indul-
gence.

Willard Batteries

at a
New Price
Level

Effective with the publication of this announcement, Willard Batteries will be sold on a new and materially lower price level.

The same Willard quality—backed by the same authorized Willard Service.

DECATUR BATTERY COMPANY

Marion Askey, Mgr.

Decatur - - - Texas

Willard Batteries

MANHOOD VS. MONEY

and three to go," called the linesman.

Two lines of steeled muscles and grim resolution clashed. Amberson College carried the ball and had plunged four yards through the line. The linesmen moved the stakes and the teams faced each other on the twenty-yard line for another clash. It was the fourth quarter, and the score stood fifteen to twelve in favor of Greenley University.

In the grand-stand eight hundred Amberson students alternately raised a storm of cheers and stood in breathless silence as they watched their team slowly win its way to the goal, earning every inch of ground.

Signals were called again, and the ball snapped to the left half-back, who, with a dexterity begotten only of native skill and many months of grueling practice on the gridiron, delivered it to Bob Green, the quarterback as he dashed past him. Bob, his short round body heaving violently, his rugged features drawn, square jaw set, made a quick stroke to receive the proffered ball for a long end run. Quickly the other back field men fell into an almost impenetrable line of interference and leaped toward the right end. The crowd in the grand-stand stood in tense silence, and those on the side lines bent forward in eager expectation. A sigh was sure if Bob, who was unquestionably the fastest man on the field, once got around that end.

Just then the thing most dreaded by Miriam DuBose, the coach for Amberson, whose keen, black eyes were fastened upon every movement of his men, happened—Bob fumbled, and the ball fell to the ground bounding to his back and a little toward the line. A groan went up from the grand-stand, and Miriam crushed the well-shaped black hat which he held in his hand. Quick as a flash Bob wheeled and sprang for the ball. He fell on the head and shoulders of Greenley's right end, who had broken through.

"The ball goes over," quietly said the head linesman as he motioned for the stakes to be moved.

One of the five remaining minutes had been consumed by the last two plays; Greenley had the ball and seventy-eight yards to go for a score. No, it was scarcely possible; but no

score was needed for their victory. However, another touch-down was not bad for them, thought their quarterback, as he looked over the heads of his men crouched on the ground, at the position of his opponents.

Rapidly he snapped out the signals, and the ball sped to the full-back, who gripped it tightly for a long forward pass to his left end, who was already running swiftly around and down the field. The ball shot without a waver. Again the stand was hushed; and DuBose leaned forward. Would the pass be completed? Even if only a few more yards were lost, the last faint hope of Amberson would be smothered. For now it was a race against time to recover the ball in time even to face the goal again.

Suddenly all eyes were fastened upon the slender figure of Powell Yantis, Amberson's full-back, who, running at full speed to meet the ball, leaped into the air immediately at the back of Greenley's man and tucked the pig-skin under his left arm. The crowd went wild. Yell after yell reverberated from the stand; a cloud of hats and pennants rose above the heads of the Amberson students; DuBose involuntarily sprang forward, wildly waving his still crushed hat. In an instant Yantis was following a well-formed interference around the end of a scattered line. One by one his teammates fell, but none in vain, until only one man remained between him and the open field to the goal. Madly this one threw himself at the feet of Yantis, who jumped into the air. He stumbled as he hit the ground just beyond but caught deftly with his right hand and recovered his balance for a thirty-yard run to the goal.

DuBose smiled satisfaction and evidenced a desire to add his voice to the deafening tumult in the grand-stand. Greenley's men retained self control but were cut to the heart; for they saw their last chance for state championship slip from their grasp almost after they had it seized.

The ball was kicked off again, but only a few more seconds remained for play. And although Greenley returned to the fifty yard line on receiving, time was not left for further gains or losses.

As the throng moved out through the gates near the rear, DuBose walked slowly and thoughtfully. His eyes were fastened upon the ground and his face serious.

"Why don't you talk?" asked a jolly girl, whose laughing blue eyes fairly beamed with joy and who could scarce control her feet, that hopped and skipped in spite of herself, as she walked by his side. This was Dorothy Henson. She was exuberant with joy; for was not Miriam—her Miriam's—team victorious? Yes it was great that Amberson now would meet Trinton University on the home field for a decision of the state championship on Thanksgiving. But the fact that Miriam had trained his team meant much more to her. "You don't seem at all glad of your winning," she continued, looking up into the serious face of Miriam.

"Yes, I am," he answered, "only there is one thing I must say, that robs this victory of some of its flavor."

Settling down to a quiet walk, Dorothy dropped her head in thought. "Well, whatever can it be?" she finally asked. "Surely—"

"Did you watch the game closely?" Miriam interrupted.

"All the time I was not watching you," she teasingly replied.

"Then you saw what is disturbing me," continued Miriam seriously. "You remember when Green's fumble almost lost the only chance for our winning? All would have been lost had it not been for Powell's supreme effort."

"Oh, isn't he great?" ejaculated Dorothy. "But that was too bad about Bob's accident. He must feel terribly blue."

"Accident!" snapped Miriam shaking his head of heavy brown hair. "If that were all, it would not be so serious."

"Why, everybody said it was an accident."

"Well, I am glad they thought so, Dorothy, on Bob's account, especially. He is a splendid fellow and a good player in many respects. But he just can't stand up under pressure. He is not dependable in a crisis. This is not the first time he has let a dangerous accident happen exactly at the wrong time. — There is not going to be any room for accidents when we meet Trinton." he continued after a few minutes' silence. "If we win that game it will take every ounce of energy and every bit of self control the fellows have. And that is what I am thinking about. I wish I could depend on Bob, but I fear it would be disastrous."

"What are you going to do? Do you have a substitute?" seriously asked Dorothy.

"Not one who is as good as Bob."

"What about 'Red' Stalling?"

"'Red' is the best man that has ever carried a ball on our field," replied Miriam; "and his position is quarterback."

"Why don't you play him? He would make the victory sure, would he not?" she eagerly questioned.

"Yes, we could win with him back on the team. But you know, Dorothy, I have refused to let him play the last two games. He is not square and I did my best to get him to play clean, but I failed. He knew his strength and doubted me when I told him he would have to play fair or quit. He is off the team for the season."

Already the two were crossing the campus covered with blue grass and clover, studded with sturdy oaks and towering pines, on which a stately old stone building, whose five spires lifted themselves looked out through the trees and whose stained glass windows looked out through slits in a heavy drapery of ivy, formed the center of a group of more modern buildings. The jubilant crowd of students and others was rapidly dispersing.

"Say, that was great," yelled a husky voice across the campus. "We are in for the state championship,

and Murray, a man as an person. He was an and a successful banker. Neither his time nor his money was too valuable to spend on the game. He came on toward Miriam as he spoke, and continued: "Don't let me intrude, but I must shake your hand, DuBose."

"No intrusion," Miriam assured him. Then turning back to Dorothy he said in a low voice, "Remember, seven-thirty."

Dorothy nodded understandingly, and joined a crowd of laughing girls who skipped by.

The two men grasped hands heartily. Abston spoke: "You have a great team, DuBose. But you have one weak place."

"I was sure you saw," Miriam replied. "What can we do about it?"

"That is just what I want to talk about. There is one way in which you can remedy it; put some one else in Green's place."

"But I have none," DuBose said, shaking his head.

"You have the best quarter in the state and you know it," Abston went on with firmness.

"Yes, that is true. But, Abston, you know why 'Red' was taken off the squad. I mean to have a square team or none at all."

"You are too conscientious, Miriam. Think what it will mean to lose. Think what it will mean to you."

"Yes, it will mean more to me than you have ever thought. But I do not intend to play him. To do so would be an injustice to both him and the team. He might decide if he can win by foul means on the field, he can continue to win by that means when he gets out in life. My mind is settled on that question."

"Well, in that case," continued Abston, "we will have to solve the problem in some other way. And I have been thinking seriously about this for the last hour. I have a probable solution and am on my way to see if it can be made to go."

Miriam's eyes opened wide with curious interest as he asked, "What do you mean? I have no idea—"

"Well, you give the team all that you have and leave the quarter to me," called Abston as he turned toward a large touring car, which was parked alongside them by the curb.

Thoughtfully Miriam strolled up to his room, turning over in his mind the words of his friend. "Leave the quarter to me" rang in his ears all the time he was preparing for the evening meal. Each of the half dozen or more possible solutions to this enigma which suggested themselves, was dismissed as improbable, and he went down to the dining room still wondering what Abston meant.

Promptly at seven-thirty a girl with dancing blue eyes responded to the ring of the door bell in one of the bungalows near the campus. Miriam entered with a smile, behind which was visible the seriousness of the thought uppermost in his mind.

"You are still thinking of the Thanksgiving game, aren't you?" began Dorothy.

"Yes. And it has taken a little different color since I saw you," said Miriam in response.

"Oh, tell me, do you —, are you —, who is —, she questioned, not knowing her own thoughts.

"No, you have not guessed it," laughed Miriam, as he hung his coat and hat on the hall-rack and turned to take the seat offered him. "But to satisfy your curiosity—or rather to arouse it—I will tell you. You let Abston and me together this afternoon. Well, he told me he had a solution to the problem but refused to divulge it to me, so leaving me in suspense. Don't ask any further questions for I can't answer them. I am just as much at a loss as you are," he said in response to the questions her eyes betrayed.

"That's fine, Miriam," she said, clasping her hands eagerly.

"Yes, if he only knows what he is talking about," Miriam responded. "And perhaps he does. If he does not, I am wholly at a loss. Dorothy, it hurts to see a bunch of men with whom you have learned to love as brothers, fight like these fellows have fought and will fight with Trinton for the prize, when you know that there is a weakness in the team that will probably prove fatal. Perhaps it is my fault. But I tried hard. No one wants to win this game more than I. And I seriously doubt that anyone else has as great an interest in the outcome of it as myself. I have both the interest of the whole institution and a strong personal interest in it. I have reason to expect to be turned loose at the close of this season if the game is lost. That means I am out of a job; and that means our plans for Christmas would have to be changed."

Dorothy dropped her head and thoughtfully turned on her dainty fingers a slender band of gold which held a beautiful stone that sparkled brilliantly in the bright light that fell upon them.

When Miriam took this hand in his and told Dorothy good-night two hours later, he left to go back to his room with his anxious curiosity diminished not in the least.

Four days later, as Miriam walked back from the daily practice on the gridiron, a big car stole up beside him, and Abston, throwing open the door, invited him to get in. As he sank himself into the rich upholstery of the cushion he said pointedly, "Well, what about your plans for the team?"

"I have just finished arranging details. Everything is all right. We'll have one of the strongest quarter-backs ever seen in this city," Murray assured him with a smile about long enough. "What have you in mind?"

"You remember that I happened to be south a few weeks past. While in that part of the country I met a high school chum of mine who is attending Huron University. He is a real athlete and a genuine sport; he doesn't know his own strength on the field, especially in football. He was a terror to every eleven in the state while in high school, and has never been on a team composed of his equals. At the present he is drawing

one hundred dollars a month to play quarter-back for Huron. I wired him offering him twice that to help win the Trinton game. He has agreed and I am going now to telegraph him to come at once."

"Well, thanks, Ab, for your good will; but you may just save yourself the trouble of that wire. I can't accept your generosity." The words of the coach were clear and decisive.

"I am not trying to treat you like a pauper, DuBose. I am interested in Amberson. I want her to win."

"I want her to win, too, Murray; but I do not want to win had enough to buy a team with which to do it. It is out of harmony with my ethics to buy professional players with which to win our games. That is not college athletics."

"Half of the institutions in the state to do it (just the same)," Murray quickly added. "Why, even Trinton herself is playing two hired men."

"That may be true but it doesn't change the principle of the thing in the least."

"You are too radical; you are really 'mossy'! Don't you know your team realizes its weakness. Just think what vim it will put into the fellows to know that the only vulnerable place on the team is made the strongest. I have just been discussing it with Yantis. He fairly ran over with enthusiasm when I told him what I had done. He is gone now to tell the other fellows. Bob may feel pretty badly about it; but it can't be helped. And if you refuse now, it will take the spirit out of the whole bunch."

"I am afraid that is too true," Miriam replied dejectedly.

"Then why do you cut off your own head, DuBose?"

"I have given my only reason for refusing your intended kindness: to do as you would have me would be out of harmony with the very spirit of college athletics. Please say no more to me about the matter. You are making it hard for me to stay with my decision," Miriam said as the car turned to face the ivy-hung structure whose classic atmosphere imparted to the whole environment a culture and dignity. Stepping down to the street as the car came to a stop, he added, "I appreciate your interest, Abston; all of us do; and I am sorry to have to reject your offer to help us."

"You are hard for me to understand. I thought that I could help you to realize your ambition. But I doubt that you appreciate the importance of winning this game," Abston remarked as the car glided noiselessly away.

The coach of the Amberson College was moving toward his room with slow and unsteady steps when his attention was attracted by fast falling footsteps behind him. He turned his head and looked directly into the face of Yantis, who exclaimed, "Isn't Abston great? Nothing better could have been done, could it?"

"Abston is very loyal to Amberson and wishes the very best for her."

"Wishes! He buys and pays for the very best for her. We fellows have just been talking it over, and the whole bunch gave him fifteen, loud and lusty. The idea put more 'pep' into us all than anything that has happened this season. Even Bob joined in. He is conscious of his weakness, and that makes it all the more serious. He gets nervous in a close play. But Abston has solved the whole difficulty," the captain of the eleven continued heatedly.

"Powell, I am very anxious to win this game; we must win if there is a possibility. But I have refused Abston's offer."

"You have? What is the matter? Isn't his man strong?" Powell asked with evident surprise.

"No doubt, very strong."

"Well, we have plenty of time left to work him in."

"That is not the point," explained the coach. "He is a professional and plays where he is paid the most. He does not belong on a college team."

"He is playing now on Huron's team," Yantis went on with marked disappointment.

"Yes. And he is playing for the money he gets out of it."

"Well, what of that? Is there anything disgraceful in playing for money?"

"Not necessarily," the coach answered. "But professional men have no place in collegiate circles."

"But you know if we don't make some change, we haven't much of a chance in this game."

"I am aware of that."

"Besides, when the other fellows learn that you are going to disappoint them now when their hopes are so high, they'll go to pieces sure."

"That is the thing I am afraid of myself, and I have already considered it. You need not mention the matter to the others. I'll explain it to them," Miriam remarked as the two stopped in front of his room.

"You had better make the explanation a good one," cautioned Yantis as he resumed his way.

That the explanation did not suffice was evidenced as they met for the daily work-out on the field the next day. All Miriam could do and say served merely to hold the team together. They seemed to try to play but were never able to throw themselves into the game as they had done previously. Miriam worked untiringly but under much strain, as he thought, ineffectively.

Promptly at two o'clock on the afternoon of the eagerly expected day, the gates of the large athletic park swung open and the already gathering crowd, which stamped and fretted as a steed under rein, pressed its way through them and filled the stand. Among the many hundreds of pennants floating gayly in the breeze, just chilly enough to make the warmth of the unclouded sun appreciated, the red and black of Trinton defined a crowd only a little smaller than that bearing the white and gold of Amberson.

force. When he rose every fellow sprang to his feet and all dashed for their places, expressing resolution and confidence in every movement of their rugged bodies.

The referee's whistle called the attention of every player and every spectator.

"Ready!" called Yantis.

"Ready!" responded Trinton's captain.

Again the whistle sounded and Trinton's line moved as one man. Amberson's right half-back received the ball on the ten-yard line and fell in behind his fellows as they sped to meet the opposing team. He was thrown to the ground after a gain of twenty-five yards. Quickly the teams crouched before each other. The battle was on. The enthusiastic sobs and rhythmic cheers from the stands was the martial music that spurred them on. Back and forth across the field the fight waged, every gain purchased at the price of mental alertness and physical exertion; every loss doggedly contested.

At the end of the third quarter the score was still zero. Each team was gathered for its final consultation. Trinton's coach closed with "Fellows, you are fighting a hard team, but you are equal to the task. Remember the weak place on Amberson's team. The quarterback is a strong man, but he is easily rattled. Once get him in the air and the game is won. Hit 'em hard."

The two lines again faced each other, and Bob Green rang out the signals with vigor. Amberson began to advance over the forty yards that lay between them and the goal. Bob carefully surveyed the situation. A place-kick would be easy for Yantis, and that would win the game. They might not be able to carry the ball over.

Again signals were called in rapid-fire order, and the right half-back dropped his knee to take from Bob's hand the ball while Yantis took two steps backward. Straight to Bob's hand shot the ball, passed through them, and bounced off his breast. He sprang quickly, recovered it and, looking wildly about him, stood still in indecision for a moment with the ball in his hands; then suddenly he dashed toward the left end. But it was too late. He felt his feet swept from under him, and all was blank for an instant.

In the grand-stand the death-like silence was broken by a deafening shout accompanied with waving of black and red pennants, a scene much resembling a field of grain tossed in a storm.

In another instance Bob was on his feet again and ready to play. As the linesmen trotted back toward the opposite goal, Amberson took a defensive position.

"What a shame!" remarked Abston Murray to a well-dressed, sober-minded gentleman of about fifty years, who stood by his side. "But I'm not surprised. We had the game won if Green had not been on the squad."

"What's the matter with Green?" his friend inquired.

"Nothing when the game is going easily. But he can't play football when he has to play or lose. Such plays as that are not unusual for him," replied Abston somewhat disgustedly.

"Then why doesn't DuBose play someone else in his place? Where's 'Red' Stalling?"

"Oh, DuBose refused to play him because he was not an angel on the field. I did my best to keep him on the squad, and then to get him back on for this game at least after he had been taken off. But Coach thought he knew his own business and refused to listen to me," he explained, his anger increasing with his words.

"You mean that 'Red' was taken off the team because he was on an unfair player?" questioned the dignified gentleman.

"So DuBose said," was the reply. "President Robston, if we ever put out a winning team, you are going to have to get a coach whose saintly robes are not quite so flowing."

And beginning here Abston Murray rehearsed to the president of Amberson College the whole story of 'Red's' removal, the vain effort to have him re-instated, the arrangement for the quarterback from Huron University, and Miriam's refusal to his offer, closing indignantly with, "I am through with Amberson until you have a coach with some ambition."

In the meantime the struggle was going on in the field. Trinton was using long passes and end runs. Amberson seemed to have lost all ability to stay the ever advancing line. Already they stood thirty yards from the goal with three downs in which to make one yard. Only two minutes remained for play. Yantis felt the gravity of the situation and made one more effort to pull the disheartened team together for a determined stand. They rallied; the defense was strengthened; but it was already too late. Trinton, aroused by a foretaste of victory and urged on by the shouts from their supporters, fought like tigers for prey. Gradually the line pushed its way on toward the goal, while the few remaining seconds became ever fewer, until with one mighty effort the ball was advanced through the line the last yard and rested just beyond the goal as the time-keeper's whistle proclaimed the game ended.

"Let me have your hand, DuBose," said a quiet, serious voice. It was President Robston speaking. "You lost the game but you won much more. Murray has just explained the whole affair to me. Come up to my office in the morning. I want to renew your contract for as long as you care to make it."

Few words were spoken after Miriam told Dorothy what the president had said, as they followed the crowd back to the antiseptic campus. But the serenity of Miriam's smile, the delightful tenderness of Dorothy's few remarks carried no mistakable message.

A. Y. Leslie, Mark Marshall and George Arrington have been appointed as jury commissioners for the coming year. The commission met Monday and selected the juries for the next term of district court.

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